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Slim Sees Jungle War Commander

Singapore, Oct. 24.—Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, today discussed the anti-guerilla campaign in Malaya with Major-General C. H. Boucher, General Officer Commanding the Malaya district.

The Field Marshal was accompanied by Lieutenant-General Sir John Harding, Commander-in-Chief of Far East Land Forces.

Earlier today, Field-Marshal Slim visited the camp of the Seventh Gurkha Regiment outside Kuala Lumpur. He is Colonel of the Regiment.

Three Malay police constables were killed today when a hand grenade exploded accidentally in the Gemas Police Station, North Johore.—Reuter.

Prague Death Sentences

Prague, Oct. 24.—A State Tribunal, which since Saturday has been trying "a band of terrorists and spies" in the northwest Bohemian town of Louny, today sentenced four of them to death and four to life imprisonment.

A number of other defendants received prison terms ranging from four to 25 years.

The accused, who were tried by a six-man "Senate" from the Prague State Court, were alleged to have spread anti-State propaganda, conducted espionage and attempted sabotage by bombs.

They were said to have organised "illegal frontier crossings of a number of people of importance and then went over to spy for a foreign intelligence service and to bomb and other armed assaults."

The number of the other accused sent to prison was not given.

All those sentenced have been deprived of their civic rights for 10 years after their sentences end. Their property has been confiscated by the State.—Reuter.

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—The Communist Peking Radio alleged tonight that over 500 people were killed or wounded when evacuating Nationalist troops recently exploded the Pearl River Bridge in Canton.—Reuter.

NO SOLUTION IN SIGHT TO FRENCH POLITICAL CRISIS

Paris, Oct. 24.—France's quarrelling middle-line parties remained tightly deadlocked tonight as Georges Bidault, wartime resistance leader and former postwar Premier and Foreign Minister, worked desperately to end the paralysing 19-day political crisis.

No solution is in sight and there is a growing belief that the impasse can only be ended by dissolution of the National Assembly and holding a general election.

General Charles de Gaulle told local leaders of his Rally of the French people: "New elections are approaching rapidly, and it is up to RPF leaders to prepare for the country's renovation."

Even the conservative right wing Paris afternoon newspaper, Le Monde, which is generally critical of General de Gaulle, campaigned energetically for elections to end what it described as "this tragi-comedy."

Mr Bidault, 50-year-old Popular Republican who served as Premier or Foreign Minister in many of the 12 previous governments since the war, accepted the designation as Premier after Jules Moch, Socialist, and Rene Mayer, Radical Socialist, failed to shape middle-road parties into line.

WORKERS' STRIKE

However, even as he began negotiating with Party leaders, the Socialist Workers' Force, France's largest non-Communist union, authorised its executive committee to call a strike unless workers' salary demands were met.

M. Bidault told newsmen late today that he would not go before the Assembly for a confidence vote until he had got full agreement on an economic policy and on a Cabinet list, thus reversing the tactics of M. Moch and M. Mayer, who gained Assembly support only to fail to reach agreement with centre parties on the government.—United Press.

JET PLANE CRASHES

Sherborne, Oct. 24.—A jet plane crashed and exploded on the King's Sandringham estate near here today. The pilot was killed.

The plane narrowly missed a group of farm workers. The King was in London at the time of the accident.—United Press.

BEN WYVIS STANDING BY YUNG MING

Early this morning, the British ship Ben Wyvis was standing by the Chinese warship Yung Ming, which has been adrift in the South China Sea for 11 days.

The Yung Ming's position is given as 20 deg. 27 min. North, 115 deg. 7 min. East, which is near the Pratas shoals, about 200 miles southeast of Hongkong. The ship's engines have failed, and she is at the mercy of the sea.

The Ben Wyvis signalled this morning that she was awaiting daylight to see what assistance she could give to the Chinese vessel.

The Yung Ming, a former United States Navy minesweeper, is of 795 tons. She is an American gift ship to the Chinese Nationalists.

SHIP STRIKES MINE

Terschelling, Oct. 24.—Tugs raced from Terschelling tonight to the aid of the Danish freighter, Ivar, which signalled that she had struck a mine and was sinking about 20 miles north-northwest of here.

Two of the Ivar's crew were taken on board and further rescues were expected.

Just before 5.00 p.m. GMT, a radio call from the 2,210-ton freighter, which was picked up by the Terschelling lightship, said that she had struck a mine, a lifeboat was smashed and that she needed "quick help."

The Dutch lifeboat Doris Aijkers answered the call, sailing from Den Helder, 61 sea miles away from the position given by the sinking ship. But later two tugs belonging to the Deesjen Company, the Holland and the Ocean, raced out from Terschelling. The Holland soon after reported that she had reached the Ivar and had rescued two of the crew.

The Holland also signalled that one of the Ivar's lifeboats, with five men in it, had capsized when swung out from the davits. There was no trace of the missing men.—Reuter.

Sarah Churchill Wed



Sarah Churchill, actress daughter of Britain's wartime Prime Minister, and her husband, Antony Beauchamp, London society photographer. They were married last week at St Simon's Island, Georgia. Sarah is in the United States on a long theatrical engagement. (AP Picture).

INDEPENDENCE OF TIBET MAY BE RECOGNISED

Possible U.S. Move To Check Communism

Washington, Oct. 23.—The United States may recognise Tibet as an independent nation, it was learned today. Officials guardedly acknowledged that the status of the remote Himalayan land, ruled by the 15-year old Dalai Lama, is "under examination in the light of current developments in Asia and its strategic position."

Such recognition could clear the way for United States arms aid to assist the Lama's forces in warding off Communist infiltration.

The recently adopted foreign military aid programme gave President Truman $75,000,000 for use in the Far East at his discretion. The Dalai Lama's Government has sent an unofficial plea for United States aid against the Communists through Lowell Thomas, American radio commentator who recently visited Tibet.

The fact that Thomas was the first foreigner admitted into the Lama's realm since the war was in itself indicative of the Tibetan desire for closer relations with America, according to observers here.

The Tibetans more or less proved that by recently ejecting all Chinese officials from their country without retaliation from China. The American policy may be determined by Russia's attitude towards Tibet. The Chinese Communists have made no secret of the fact that they plan to incorporate it within Red China. Russia has historically tried to gain a foothold there, and in 1904 the British drove out Russian agents by armed force.

NO MAN'S LAND

If the Russians and their Chinese allies will agree to keep their hands off, then the United States may follow suit, with Tibet becoming a sort of cold war "no man's land." But a Communist take-over would bring Soviet expansion to the borders of India and create a threat to the non-Communist South Asian sphere which the United States seeks to encourage.

Arguments for and against recognition of Tibetan independence are being studied closely here in connection with the State Department review of Far Eastern policy. The chief argument against such a step is that it might be construed as violating the cardinal principle of United States policy toward China—that the territorial integrity of the Chinese nation must be preserved.—United Press.

BURMA ROAD

Rangoon, Oct. 24.—Political observers here believe that the possibility of reopening the Burma Road—the 1,600-mile link between Burma and China—will be discussed here when U Myint Thein, Burmese Ambassador to Nanking, returns shortly for talks with his Government.

From 1940 to 1942 the road, which extends from Lashio to Kunming—was used by huge convoys to supply the Chinese armies fighting the Japanese.

Chinese Nationalists, who are now back in Chungking, are reported to have made an approach to the Burma Government on the reopening of the road, though there is no official confirmation.

Mr Myint Thein is to arrive here by air from Hongkong on October 28, according to an official announcement. He will also probably discuss with his

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AMERICAN DIPLOMATS' HUSH-HUSH MEETING

London, Oct. 24.—United States diplomats from Eastern Europe met behind an iron curtain of secrecy in London today. After the lunch to dinner session—the first of two days of conference here—the American officials kept their lips as tightly shut as during the recent Paris session of United States diplomats from Western Europe.

But the iron curtain lifted enough to show that today's talks probably ranged over:

1. The Yugoslav Communist heresy, and ways of strengthening Yugoslav Premier Tito's position in his defiance of Soviet Russia.

2. The extent to which it is still possible to maintain a link between Western ideals and the Cominform nations.

3. Future Soviet policy towards Germany and its consequences for Eastern and Western Europe—and also its effects on Allied policy towards Western Germany.

The unusual reticence of American official spokesmen in both London and Paris was thought to be partly due to the fact that the meetings are to gather information for Washington rather than to take policy decisions.

SECURITY ANGLES

Security angles on some items of the agenda are also responsible.

Observers agree that the connecting link between the Paris and London talks is provided by developments in both halves of Germany and by the attitude of Moscow of both Western and Eastern European States to whom the envoys are accredited.

The London meeting continues tomorrow under the chairmanship of Mr George W. Perkins, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs at the U.S. State Department.

Though there are no formal contacts between the envoys and the British Government, it is presumed that some, or all of them, will informally visit British officials in departments corresponding to their own posts.

Mr Lewis Douglas, the American Ambassador in London, entertained some members of the conference to lunch today and will entertain the other tomorrow.—Reuter.

Public Relief Over Economy Measures

London, Oct. 24.—The economy measures announced by the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, today were not nearly so far-reaching as had been expected, and as a whole are sure to be widely criticised as utterly inadequate in financial circles.

Government spending has been cut by only £90,000,000 out of a total of £3,300,000,000. Most of this small saving will not apply until the next financial year, starting next April.

Many economists had calculated that, to bridge the dollar gap, the British Government would have to cut its spending by not less than £300,000,000 or £400,000,000.

Similarly, the cuts in capital expenditure will not take full effect until the second half of 1950. Larger cuts in that field made at this stage in the 1947 crisis had almost no effect.

The biggest of today's cuts was the removal of the subsidy, now costing £30,000,000 a year, on animal feed.

Still to be decided is whether this will fall on lower profits for farmers or higher prices for consumers. Whichever way it falls it will be disinflationary, since the food subsidies are not to be increased on this account.

In the city of London tonight there was some relief at the absence of the "anti-capitalist" taxes which had been vaguely feared in some quarters. But there was deep disappointment at what business regarded as the grave inadequacy of the measures as a whole.—Reuter.

LONGER HOURS

London, Oct. 24.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, spoke tonight on the radio and asked British employers and workers to give "serious consideration" to working longer hours at a time of national crisis.

Following his announcement in the House of Commons of economy cuts, Mr Attlee told the nation, "The need is for all-out effort and you know that has not been forthcoming.

"There are workers who only do the minimum, who do not care and who take days off because they know that in these days workers are needed."

The Prime Minister said that in making the cuts the Government had tried to be fair and not put the whole burden on one section of the community, or to impair seriously the social services.

"The welfare state can only endure if it is built on a sound economic foundation," Mr Attlee said.

The first reaction among the public to Mr Attlee's Commons statement has been one of anti-climax and relief. People had been prepared for a drastic new period of austerity. But though the economy programme will ultimately hit the pockets of every Briton, it adds no immediate heavy burden to the cost of living.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL SPEAKS

London, Oct. 24.—After Mr Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, had made his House of Commons statement on Government economies, Mr Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, spoke briefly.

Mr Churchill asked why these proposals, if they were practicable and adequate, were not put forward two or three years ago when the Opposition asked that a check should be put upon "unbridled and even fantastic expenditure".

But, Mr Churchill added, he and the Opposition would support any proposals which on their merits seemed to be for the good of the country even though they were unpopular.

Amid Labour laughter and Conservative cheers, Mr Churchill said he wished Mr Attlee had announced the withdrawal of the "aggressive measure" of steel nationalisation. That would have shown that the Government was approaching these grave matters on a national and not on a Party basis.

Mr Anthony Greenwood, (Labour) urged the Prime Minister to start discussions with the United States and Western Union Powers to see if the defence costs could be more equitably met.

Mr Attlee replied: "We are discussing the whole question of defence with our friends."

A two-day debate on Mr Attlee's statement begins on Wednesday.—Reuter.

HE GOT MARRIED INSTEAD

Allegan, Michigan, Oct. 24.—Leroy Irwin, 92, whose ready-made tombstone says he will die in 1950, announced today that he had changed his mind and got married instead.

The elderly farmer, who put up a gravemarker for himself a year ago, was to have wed a 62-year-old widow today but at the last minute he blushingly told his friends that they just could not wait and married here secretly last Thursday.

Irwin put the tombstone up, because he did not have any relatives to do it after his death. He inscribed it "Born 1866, died 1950."

"But I've changed my mind," he said. "I do not know how long I've got to live, but I'm starting all over today."

His bride is 62-year-old Mrs Mary Matthews Sage, who agrees with Irwin that the tombstone guess was premature.

"I think I'll get him over the 1950 deadline," she commented drily. "After all, I kept a husband alive five years after doctors said he was supposed to die."—United Press.

Truman Dedicates U.N. Headquarters

New York, Oct. 24.—President Truman, surrounded by the leading delegates to the United Nations Assembly, including the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, today performed the dedication ceremony of the new $65,000,000 United Nations headquarters.

Before the ceremony, Mr Truman and Mr Vyshinsky had a long and cordial handshake.

An imposing array of uniformed police and detectives flanked the open air meeting of the General Assembly.

Delegates sat in improvised Assembly formation with desks and chairs in the open street.

Mr Trygve Lie, General Secretary of the United Nations, inserted in the corner-stone of the new building a canister containing a copy of the Charter and the Human Right's Declaration. Mr Lie trowelled mortar and then gave the corner-stone an affectionate pat.

Mr Truman called, in a speech, for international control of atomic weapons and made renewed promises of economic assistance for backward areas.

General Carlos P. Romulo, President of the United Nations General Assembly, said today at the ceremony: "This ground, a part of America, now belongs to the world.

"It is dedicated ground. Upon it will rest the visible structure of the United Nations, the instrument by which humanity hopes to attain peace and the blessings of peace."

Mr Trygve Lie, said: "The world needs acts of statesmanship and courage by the member Governments in support of the United Nations.

"I believe profoundly that only the success of the United Nations can prevent a third world war and achieve a lasting peace."

Mr William O'Dwyer, Mayor of New York, said: "The differences which existed among the various nations and races of the world have always been over-emphasised. They are more superficial than real."—Reuter.

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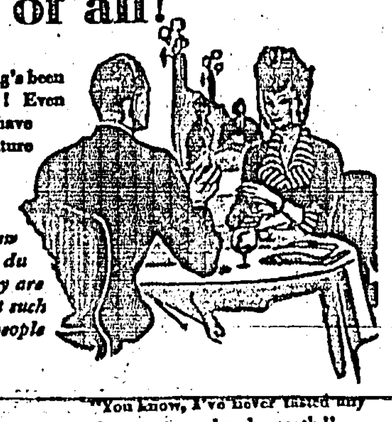
German And Japanese Shipbuilding

BRITAIN'S big shipbuilding industry is growing increasingly uneasy at the United States' efforts to permit Germany and Japan to rebuild their merchant fleets to prewar tonnages. The Germans are already beginning to compete in the lucrative ship-repairing business in Europe. They are reported to be working round the clock, with labour and materials readily available. In fact, so plentiful is labour that night shift workers, for example, are receiving only slightly more pay than those working in the day. German costs are much lower than those prevailing in British and other European shipyards. An added source of worry to British shipbuilders is the recent announcement by the Federation of Engineering and Shipbuilding Unions that it would ask for a basic weekly wage increase of £1 for its three million members. This would add more than £100,000,000 to the nation's wage bill. Even more disturbing is the increasing flow of German propaganda seeping into the European press suggesting that if Germany were permitted to rebuild her seagoing merchant fleet, she might not be so eager to compete with her neighbours for the ship-repair trade. Britain's opposition to seeing Germany's merchant marine rebuilt is based on two deep-rooted, traditional factors: the possibility of revived "unfair" commercial competition and the ever-present fear of a potential military threat. Before the war, German merchant marine competition was "unfair" because it was invariably subsidised by the German Government. If anything has been learned in the course of two wars regarding German shipping, it is that it has always been dominated by military considerations. General MacArthur's policy of allowing—even encouraging — the Japanese to build up their merchant fleet once again is regarded just as seriously as the threat from Germany. At the moment, Japan is building less than three percent of the world's total construction, but, according to the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom. Japan's shipbuilding firms are beginning to solicit British shipowners "at prices well below those which our own shipbuilders can offer." Just as the Lancashire cotton industry recalls with bitterness the Japanese competition that drove many of them to the wall ten or fifteen years ago, bringing mass unemployment and misery, so does the British shipping industry fear it may see the day when Japan, protected and encouraged by the United States, will be sending her ships, built by low-cost labour, to compete with British and European—and even American—vessels. American policy as regards shipping, both in Germany and Japan, appears to be over-hasty and over-optimistic. The Germans and Japanese should be allowed coastal fleets necessary for their internal economies, but in the matter of ocean-going fleets, the American occupation authorities appear to be moving too fast.

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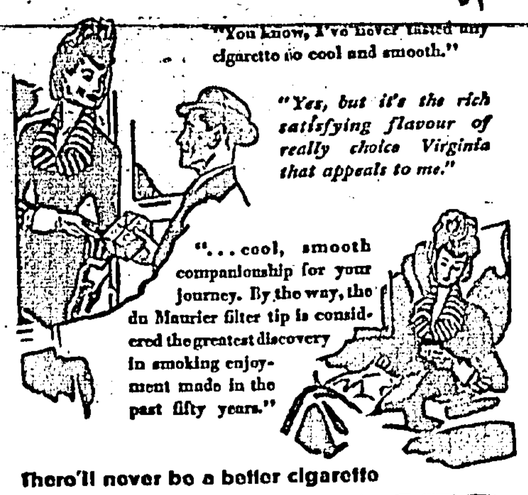
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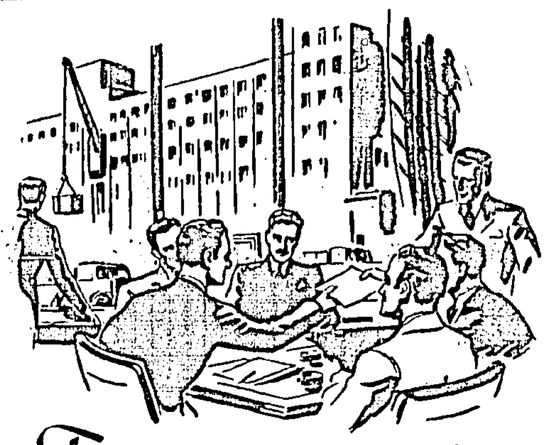
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Conditions Causing A Skin Itch

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THERE are almost as many causes of itching of the skin as there are people. We are all familiar with the type of itching due to outside sources, such as the bite of an insect or contact with an irritating substance, but not so many realise that itching may also be be one of the manifestations of disease.

It is, for instance, very common among people suffering from liver disturbances, particularly in those who develop jaundice, the greenish-yellow discolouration of the skin which is so frequently seen in certain liver disorders. Itching may also occur in liver disease even though no jaundice is present.

Certain Groups

There is a certain group of people who seem to develop an itchy sensation of the skin very readily from a great variety of causes. In them, almost any type of excitement, as well as heat, cold, sunshine, and injury can bring on an attack of itching. Such people are thought to be oversensitive to a substance, called acetylcholine, which is released in the skin as a result of any of the causes mentioned above.

Allergy or oversensitivity is a frequent cause of itching of the skin. Sometimes, the reaction takes place in the outer layer of the skin. In other instances, the reaction is in the walls of the blood vessels of the deeper layers of the skin and may result in the formation of hives. In both types, the substances producing allergic reactions reach the skin through the blood stream and, in either instance, the itching may occur without any visible changes in the skin. Such preparations as benadryl and pyribenzamine, which are known as anti-histamine drugs, are useful in the treatment.

Another cause of itching skin is a disturbance of the circulation. This often happens in the legs when varicose veins are present.

Lymph Glands

A disorder affecting the lymph glands and known as Hodgkin's disease may often be accompanied by very severe itching. In fact, the itching may be the first symptom of the disorder to appear.

Treatment of generalised itching depends, of course, to some extent on the cause. Sometimes the preparations which stimulate the circulation may be helpful.

Two Hats and A Mole Stole

By PRUNELLA WOOD

SALLY VICTOR'S current collection . . . which predates her journey to the Paris collections . . . is represented here by a navy blue moleskin cloche and matching stole, and a draped hat made from mauve satin ribbon. Two widely separate materials for smart winter hats, to be sure, but both handsome and, appropriate to chic. The stole can be worn hanging straight.



Sally Victor



The Skirt Story Makes Headlines

SKIRTS are the point of departure for newest silhouettes, according to a New York couture house and this skirt interest was convincingly demonstated when the collection by this specialty shop was presented to the press. In a series of originals featuring designs the skirt story makes headlines both for length and for silhouette.

Slim sheath dresses with blossoming over-skirts' register impressively, from the conservative version in thin wool for day-time to dramatic expressions in crisp fabrics for cocktails and evening wear. All-around over-skirts, full crisp tunics, asymmetric jutting peplums are the means to this silhouette, which has fashion identification with the 1920's. Skirt lengths generally are specified at 14 inches from the floor.

Uneven Hems

Evening dresses with skirts shorter at front make repeated appearances in this collection, emphasising the importance of uneven hemlines. These are straight and short at front, and dip floor-wards at back in what is described as a swallowtail or opened-up fan silhouette.

Skirts with puffed fullness carry the story a step further. These are very wide skirts in formal types, with tucked-under fullness which puff out the silhouette even at the hemline. One of these is in palest pink silk taffeta with slashed bodice.

Bodices in general are slick and simple. In some of the formal dresses, decolletes are eyecatchers by reason of petals which curl back to reveal a contrast colour.

Stiff Fabrics

Stiff fabrics are significantly represented, especially in faille, moire, and slipper satin. There is the usual group of debutante and ball gowns, beautifully detailed and beautifully worked, including one in lace over nylon. The evening dress that got a hand from yesterday's invitation audience is in yellowy green silk taffeta with a sleeveless velvet jacket lined in taffeta.

In accessories, the Egyptian necklace gets special mention, this a flat collar-like necklace of brilliants or mother-of-pearl, spreading shoulder-ward. Gloves include shoulder-high types for evening with flaring tops, usually in velvet to match the dress.

HATS FOR FORMAL EVENING GOWNS

This house believes strongly that the formal gown, whether short or long, must be worn with a hat this season. These hats take varied form but all remain very small, usually very slanted and worn back on the head. Several are a cross between headdress and hat, and these adopt modern abstraction forms.

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CUE to the "petal skirt" silhouette is a white mink sling cape, which has petal collar and petal front. Little patch pockets worked in horizontal lines are good contrast to the otherwise wide vertical strips of mink that circle the remainder of the sling cape.

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Then there is a brief white mink cocoon that envelops the figure with horizontal bands of white mink. Collar tilts up; bracelet - length sleeves turn back in single-skin width.

AUTUMN SHADE



By ALICE ALDEN

BROWN IS more than holding its own on the colour card and is a good runner-up to black and winter navy. Tete de negre brown is the deep shade of this lovely afternoon dress fashioned of silk crepe. Jane Derby handled the fabric suavely and uses matching lace inserts on the bodice continuing down in the skirt to make for an apron effect. Flanges of the fabric make the wide open neckline. A soft self sash, tied in a bow in back, and there are side slit pockets at the hemline.

Side-Swept Silhouette In Coat Form

THE side-swept silhouette—an important fashion in collections of the haute couture of Paris, is featured in coats. The cape and pyramid coats are amply cut so that the fullness at back and sides is not disturbed.

CAPE COAT of beige Indian broadtail swings well over to the side thereby concealing the little slashed pockets in the long tuxedo panel. This handsome coat dips to 36 inches at back. Elbow cape follows the same outline dipping slightly at centre back. Vincent Danzi designed this.

PYRAMID COAT of black Russian broadtail represents Paul Memmo's interpretation of this elegant fur silhouette. Little shawl collar glides into the generously cut front panels. Sleeves are moulded, blousing slightly in the upper arm and tapering snugly below the elbow. Gold ball buttons emphasize the cut of the sleeves.

A Star Who's Different

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood.

THE six months Ella Raines has been in England away from Hollywood cameras haven't changed her much. She still likes to do things differently.

Most of the Hollywood honeys have chopped their locks off to Dutch boy bobs while Ella's been gone. But she still wears her hair long and loose.

"My husband likes it that way," she said. "That's good enough for me."

Most other Hollywood players seek British screen jobs, but Miss Raines has turned them down. She skipped three London film offers to fly to Hollywood to star in RKO Radio's "The Bail Bond Story."

"I love Hollywood," she sighed. "But I love my husband more, so I'm going right back to be with him until he can come home."

Her husband, Major Robin Olds, is a U. S. flier attached to the Royal Air Force. They have a country house outside London, where they play lots of tennis on lawn courts.

Grass Cushion Falls

"You don't bruise so easily when you fall on grass," Miss Raines observed.

Ella would be playing tennis still if it hadn't been for the hurry-up call from RKO. Six hours later she was on a plane for Hollywood.

"I'm living with my people," she added. "We rented our house to Lynn Bari."

Miss Raines and her husband return to Hollywood for good next autumn bringing two potential U. S. citizens with them. They are Robert and Simone Pothier, a French couple who joined the Olds menage as butler and cook.

On her brief stay in Hollywood, Miss Raines made the most of the well-spread tables.

"You get little but fowl in London—woodcocks, pheasants and ducks," she said. "I've eaten so much duck I've grown feathers."

The best thing about returning, she added, was realising she was remembered.

"Six months," she said, "is a long time out of circulation in Hollywood."—United Press.

Closing A Summer Cottage

By ELEANOR ROSS

WELL, here it is again, time to shut up that little old shack in the country or by the surf that has served so well as a get-away-from-it-all base during the torrid months. Or perhaps it is a wee cottage or a little lodge that has to be secured and made as safe as possible for the winter weather ahead. If you're an old hand at doing up a place for the season, this won't interest you but if this is your first summer as the proud possessor of a little place in the country, we may be able to help you, since all the suggestions given have been sent us by friendly readers, as well as our own observations.

Good Cleaning

First of all, leave the place as thoroughly clean as you can. Give it a good cleaning and don't cut corners just because the place is to be unoccupied for several months. This will protect from pests, as even the tiniest crumb will attract mice and vermin. Dispose of every scrap of rubbish, burning if possible, or arranging to have it carted away. Take down, clean and put away anything in the curtain or drapery line. Smart gals pretty up windows with those wonderful paper drapes, with new ones each season. If there are shades, replace them with old ones especially for windows that face the sun.

In closing windows, lay a fold of newspaper under each so that it projects outward a little under the sash. Cover with dust sheets all furniture if possible, certainly any upholstered pieces. Wrap up all cushions or pillows. Cover up books in open shelves, and any bric-a-brac or items that cannot be washed easily. Cover beds well, using newspaper if nothing else is handy. Take in outside copper or bronze screens to protect frames.

Dispose Inflammables

Don't leave the merest smidgin of inflammable liquid in the house. Varnish and paint should be stored outside the house. Cloths with furniture polish on them should be washed, thrown away, or shut in a stone crock or a tin box. Shut all matches in tins or cans; do the same with tallow candles.

Shut all dry foods like sugar, flour or cereals tightly in tin or glass, or, better still, get rid of them. Destroy any unused food that you can't take back with you. Clean food shelves or closets, sprinkle well with borax. If absence is to be for several months, cover every scrap of metal from stove to faucet with a film of oil or petrolatum jelly, cleaning before applying film. Leave garbage cans clean and bone dry. If locality is apt to be damp, put lumps of charcoal near items likely to mildew, such as books. Have water, gas, electricity cut off, disconnect all lamps and appliances.

Keep Hands Soft and Lovely



Courtesy Revlon

To keep your hands looking soft and lovely, make it a habit to apply a generous amount of hand lotion after they have been in water.

By HELEN FOLLETT

HANDS should be soft and white, nice to hold. Take a look at yours, lady, especially if you are the boss of the household works. It is a year-round, day-in-and-day-out fact that hands are in and out of water many times; that every time you wash away some of the precious oil that nature furnishes to keep the skin surface smooth and in good condition to resist the evidences of age.

Unlovely hands are a dead give-away, to the members of your family, the clerk who waits on you in the store, all the countless individuals with whom you come in contact. And you can't sit on them to hide them when you play bridge, that's for sure!

Consider well how your hands serve you and treat them kindly. They will reward you openly by eloquently proclaiming you a lady in command of herself. Queenly hands bespeak a queenly nature. Busy hands, pale tapering hands, blunt, capable hands may all be queenly in repose if they are tenderly cared for.

Cosmeticians are compounding, and offering to the members of the sisterhood who are ever on the chase for loveliness, toiletries that dress up the hands. They tend to soften, soothe, lubricate and protect. You can apply them when you are arrayed in your glad dry goods, ready to fare forth with the best beau for the merry evening. Your hands will look as fresh and lovely as your complexion.

Demon gardeners, planting, replanting, digging up green things, washing vegetables, preparing them for the table, can turn the prettiest pair of dove-soft hands into paws that look as if they might belong to a ditch digger. Bad business. Unfair business. Gloves should be worn for all kind of work that bring the fingers in contact with dirt or dust. Protection is easier than cure, as every woman knows. But the dumb woman does not apply the maxim to herself.

Unlovely hands mean unlovely nails. It is a crying shame to dim those little pink finger-sheaths through neglect or abuse.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Different Kinds of Beans

ON the kitchen table stood a row of bowls. "You like beans?" asked the Chef. "Here we have one pound each of all the fresh beans that are in the market: String beans, the wax beans, the board beans; the green soys and the green limas, the scarlet runners and some cranberry beans, which I understand come from New England."

"I'm very fond of beans, Chef. But what brought on this beanery display?" I asked.

"This is the high of the vegetable season, and I thought it would be a good idea to make some interesting dishes for our readers out of these fresh beans.

For Any Meal

"And they can be used for breakfast, lunch, dinner or supper," I added.

"Vegetables for breakfast?" asked the Chef, a bit incredulous.

"Oh, yes, cooked fresh vegetables are served on many of our farm breakfast tables. It's a custom that could well be introduced generally in all homes. Few of us eat enough vegetables."

"Do these beans add what you call the protein to the meal?" asked the Chef.

"Only a slight trace; as you see these are green or immature; they have a high protein content only when they have fully matured and are dried. But they are rich in vitamins and minerals, furnish roughage, and give that fresh outdoors taste to meals, that's so welcome in hot weather."

"Of course Madame is acquainted with the haricots verts of the French cuisine?" inquired the Chef.

"Oh yes; you shred string beans and cook them in salted boiling water barely to cover. Then drain off the liquid to use in soup, and season the beans with browned butter."

With Sliced Carrot

"That is correct; and in the country for a more substantial dish we boil them with a small piece of salt pork cut in dice, and with a sliced carrot or onion added for flavour. We drain off the cooking liquid and serve it with croutons as a first course. It makes a delicious soup when it is thickened with a little mashed potato."

"Of course wax or butter beans can be used in the same way," I added.

Shell Beans

"And all kinds of string beans are good creamed and served on toast with a bacon garnish," I suggested. "It's an excellent breakfast or luncheon dish. But what are you planning to do with your collection of shell beans on the table?."

"These I shall remove from the pod. They take longer to cook than the string beans, because they are more thick and more mature. The longest time is needed to boil the broad beans: for them I shall allow 1½ hours. The green soy beans will need 1 hour; and the scarlet runner beans and the green limas need 45 minutes. About the cranberry beans I do not know."

"They need about 45 minutes also," I said. "But all of these shell beans will cook in about 2 minutes in a pressure cooker at 15 lbs. pressure. I always put them on the rack, with ½ cup water underneath. And I like to season them with butter or margarine, salt, pepper and a little minced chives or basil."

"I find the shell beans also make an excellent salad with garlic French dressing," added the Chef.

Dinner

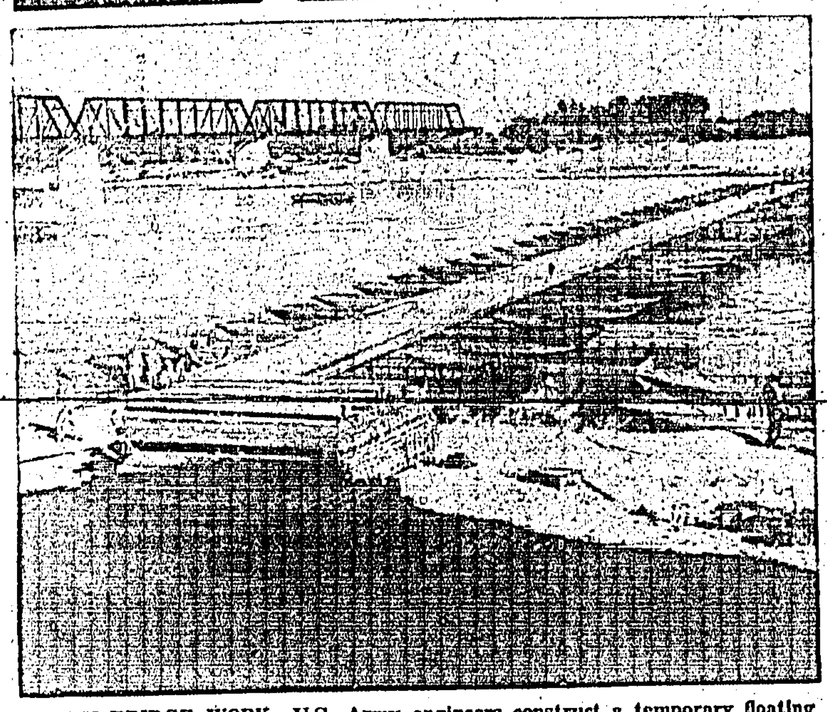
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Veal and Vegetable Salad
Lemonaise
Heated Whole Wheat Rolls
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Hot or Iced Tea or Coffee
Milk (Children)

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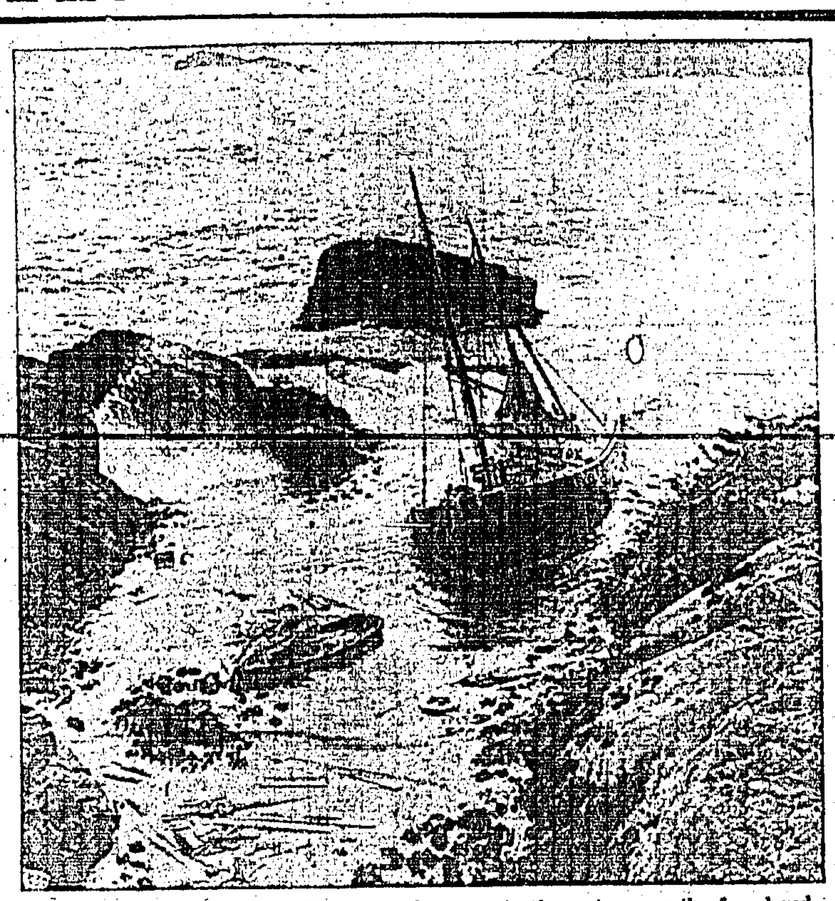
Veal and Vegetable Salad

Combine 2½ c. cooked diced veal with 2 chopped hard-cooked eggs, 1 c. diced celery or fine-shredded raw cabbage, ¾ c. cooked green peas or shredded or fine-diced string beans, and ½ c. cooked diced carrots if available. Stir in ¼ tsp. pepper, 2½ tsp. salt, 1½ tsp. grated horse-radish and 4 tbsp. French dressing. Then chill. Serve in nests of lettuce. Top with lemonaise and garnish with 2 additional chopped hard-cooked eggs.

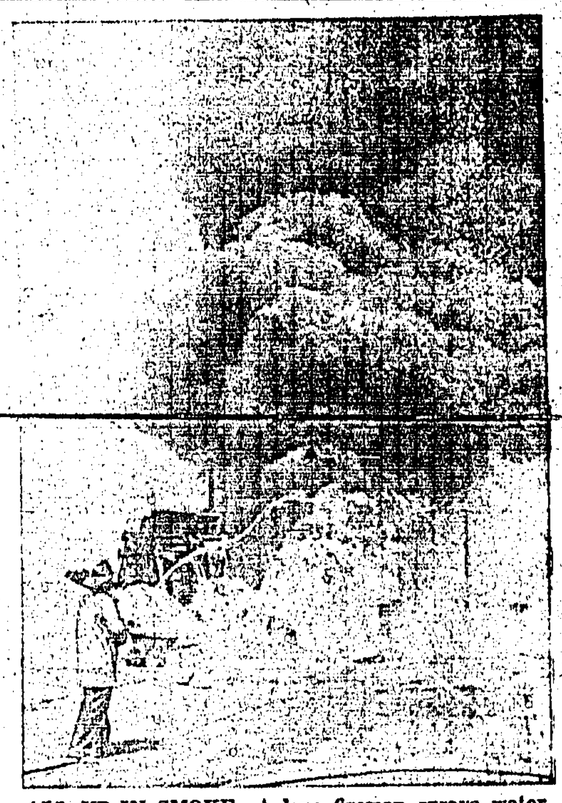
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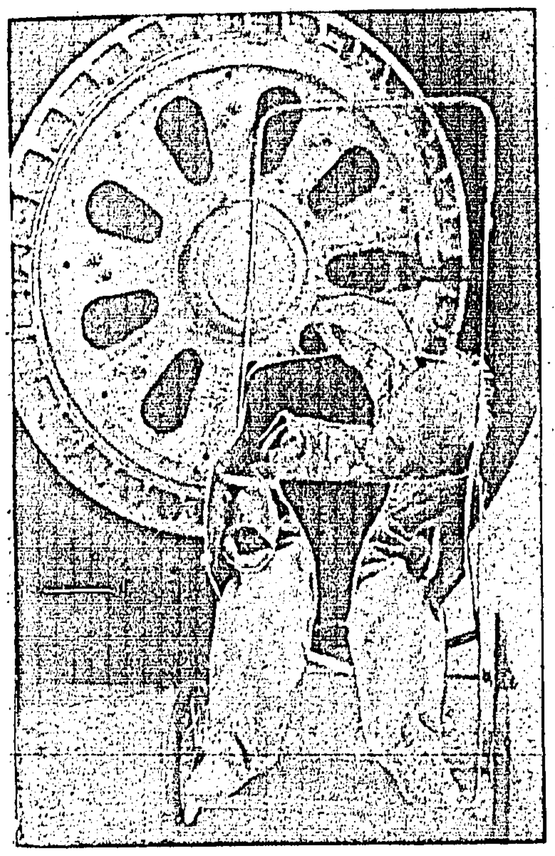
ARMY BRIDGE WORK—U.S. Army engineers construct a temporary floating bridge across the Snake River, near Pasco, Washington. The Pasco-Walla Walla bridge was destroyed by fire and traffic had been rerouted to nearby towns for ferry crossings until this company came to the rescue.



TO A WATERY GRAVE—Ship's supplies float in the water near the foundered Alirmay as the 45-ton motor yawl is pounded on the rocks near Aberdeen, Scotland. It ran aground in dense fog, but the crew of six managed to jump to safety from this victim of the sea.



ALL UP IN SMOKE—A lone fireman sprays water on a burning trench-digging machine and gasoline pipe line in Los Angeles, California, after the machine accidentally cracked open the high test gasoline pipe line. The operator managed to climb to safety.



SO TIRED—This seven-month-old tot was just too sleepy to be interested in the annual U.S. Air Age exhibit when his mother took him to it in St. Louis, Missouri. He didn't mind the roaring planes overhead and felt right at home with the wheel of a B-36.



WELL, WELL!—Margaret Kosover is taking her time about getting into the water at Miami, Florida. She first gets her feet wet, then the rest of her by degrees.



SEARCHING FOR CRASH VICTIMS—Rescue workers are searching for the bodies of six onion pickers drowned when their truck crashed through a bridge rail into the Muskegon River, near Newaygo, Michigan. Two men and four women were drowned, but 14 others in the truckload of farm labourers swam to safety. The driver blamed faulty brakes.



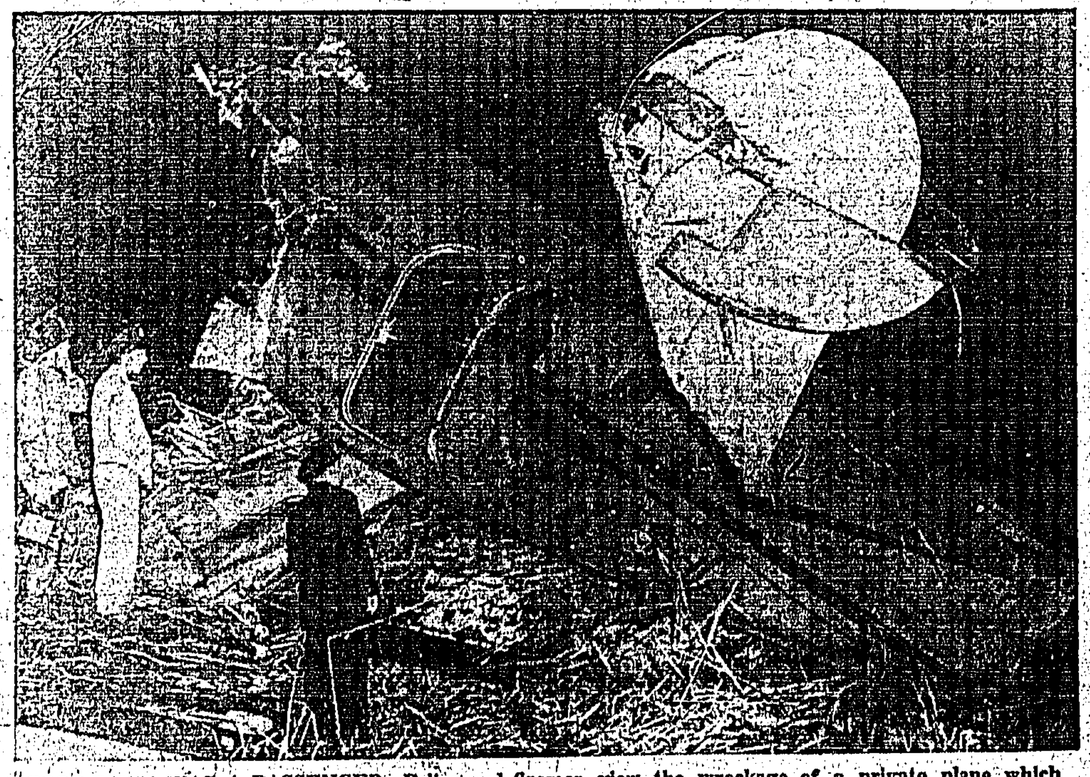
JUST RIGHT FOR THE RAIN—Dorothy Fox displays the latest method in Chicago, Illinois, for looking smart in a downpour. It's an umbrella trimmed with mink tails to match her mink stole.



MAYBE IT'S HER SIZE—Police in Indianapolis, Indiana, believe Gypsy Blossom, this huge but gentle dog owned by Clifford Chasteen, is the "vicious panther" reported prowling the streets. She was all they found that resembled such an animal.



AIN'T IT AWFUL?—Michael Bouzy, a chef in Paris, France, has been making bouillabaisse, or fish stew, since he was 13. When two American chefs discussed the dish's ingredients over the radio, he set out to disprove their claim that 15 kinds of fish are necessary for the dish. But worst of all, they used no garlic.



GOOD LUCK WAS A PASSENGER—Police and firemen view the wreckage of a private plane which crashed in a swamp near the Newark, New Jersey, airport. The pilot and flight mechanic were injured, but the owner had left the plane shortly before the crash.

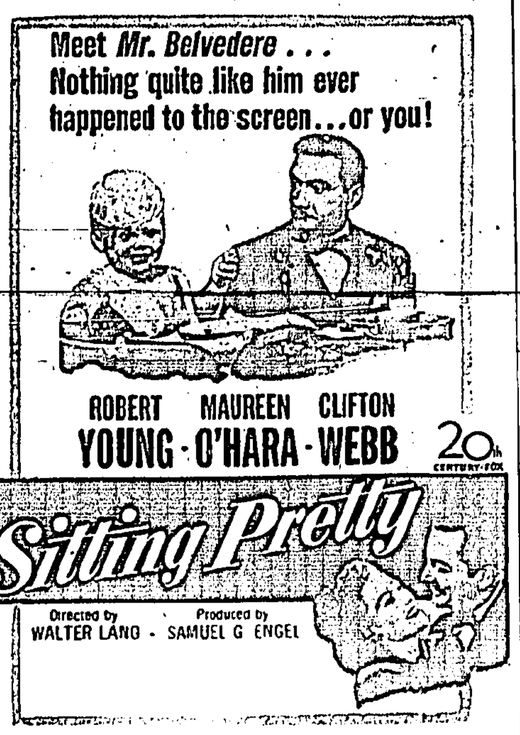
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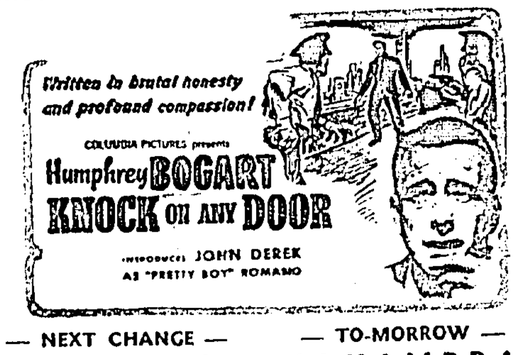
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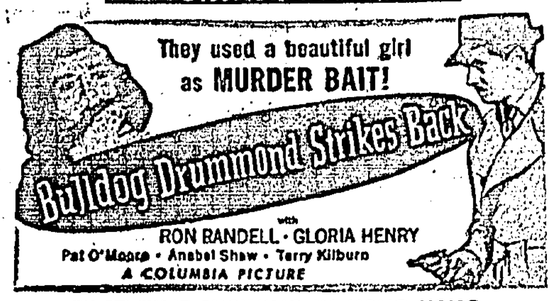


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GILES on El Matador Ingles

The rumour has yet to be confirmed that the Government is training bull-fighters to kill bulls in Spain as a means of solving the Peron meat situation.



London Express Service

The pranksters oust Bing Crosby

NEW YORK

THE seal which was sent over the other day by an American broadcasting company to swim the Channel seems to have caused some commotion in Britain and France.

I don't know why. To us who listen to the American radio these days, such stunts are as commonplace as a fugue on the Third Programme.

We have been brought to a state of constantly expecting the unexpected. At any moment the phone may ring and a man with a whinnying laugh will ask if it's all right to deliver the lion cub we ordered.

And our protestations that we didn't order a lion cub will be on the air and as compensation we will be given a chance to guess—for £800 prize money—the laughing man's identity (probably Danny Kaye).

Or Lana Turner may suddenly call from Hollywood and offer, in the hearing of some 25,000,000 listeners, £17,000 if we will just name a film from which a few sample lines of dialogue were taken.

If we are foolhardy enough to visit a broadcasting studio anything can happen. Just as it did to Burt Kennedy.

Whisked away

RECENTLY, Kennedy went to a broadcast show called "Truth or Consequences."

The master of ceremonies, Ralph Edwards, asked him if he had three weeks to spare. Almost as soon as Kennedy had said "Yes," he was off to catch a plane for Paris with that seal as a fellow-passenger.

He will be back soon to tell us all about it—the broadcast of the actual swim did not come through because of atmospherics—and to collect his reward.



THIS ASTONISHING NEW YORK

by

C. V. R. THOMPSON

He will get one dollar for each of the 361 minutes which the seal clipped off the Channel record, or about £125.

This stunt cost Mr Edwards about £1,000. He can afford that. A soap firm pays him £3,500 a week for his show and for the privilege of interrupting it every few minutes with a rumba tune extolling soap flakes.

Mr Edwards specialises in what radio calls "audience participation" shows. Not long ago he induced one listener to sit under a hen every performance for 13 weeks on the promise that he would get £350 if the hen dropped an egg on him—which it didn't.

Mr Edwards has no monopoly on lunacy. There is also a man called Art Linkletter who makes his listeners look foolish to prove his claim that people are funny.

One of his listeners recently made Mr Linkletter look pretty funny too. She was an attractive girl whom Linkletter offered to set up as a bride if she would just go to a convention of business men and pick out a husband.

She came back for her engagement and wedding rings, her trousseau, her honeymoon expenses, and everything else he had promised.

The husband she picked at the convention was the local boy to whom she was engaged! She just took him along to the convention with her.

It is men like Edwards and Linkletter who are "big time" on American radio these days. Jack Benny is not at the top of the Hit Parade any more. Nor is Bob Hope. Eddie Cantor has had to become a quizmaster. Even the venerable Bing Crosby is slipping.

The only shows which can compete with the stuntmen are whodunits. On the four major American networks at least 37 murders are committed every week.

The reason for all this is TV. The commercial radio companies spent their treasure and their ingenuity developing TV. They have done a remarkable job.

In one year, the number of sets in use has grown from 1,000,000 to 2,500,000. They have developed their own stars, even if many of them were stars that Hollywood and radio has discarded.

There is the one and only Milton Berle, a comedian who causes a slump on Broadway every Tuesday night because people won't leave home the night of his programme.

Boris Karloff is a No. 1 hit this season because TV has whodunits too.

Money tells

BUT for all its strides TV doesn't yet pay.

It is not expected to do so for up to five years.

On the Milton Berle show, for instance "talent" alone costs £9,000 a week, which is £3,000 more than the entire expense for a top radio programme with a possible audience of 90,000,000 against TV's 25,000,000.

So the radio companies must fight to keep radio profitable in order to pay TV's bills.

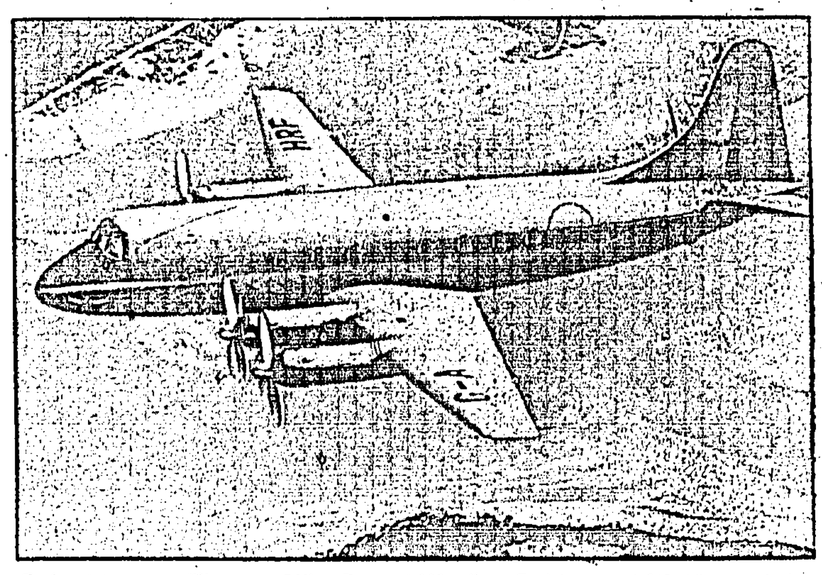
The result is that they are encouraging a cut-throat battle for the public's attention between the two mediums they own.

At the moment this may make for lunacy. But, as success in either radio or TV in America is decided by pollsters counting the audience's heads, it can have only one result.

The public will get what they want even if what they want is seals in the Channel.

—(London Express Service)

WHAT A FLYING YEAR—AND NOW HERE IS THE JET 'VISCOUNT'



Forty passengers. Wing-span 94ft. Range 1,000 miles. Cruising speed 316 miles per hour.

By BASIL CARDEW

WHAT a wonderful year for Britain's aircraft industry.

There is the first flight of the 500 miles per hour de Havilland Comet jet airliner . . . sky debut of Bristol's 100-passenger Brabazon weighing 130 tons . . . first flight of the 650 miles per hour Supermarine 510, the newest jet fighter . . . and the first public appearance of twin-jet bomber the Canberra, built by the English Electric Company—planes that put this country well ahead.

And now comes more good news. The new Vickers Viscount 700 airliner has become the first propeller-jet aircraft in the world to be granted a certificate of airworthiness.

This means that Britain has produced the two outstanding future airliners for the world: The 36-passenger Comet, a pure jet plane, and now the propeller-jet Viscount.

What do we know about the Viscount? It is a smaller sister of the Comet, although made by a different private firm.

Outstanding

THE COMET will fly at 35,000 feet across the Atlantic, distance 3,000 to 4,000 miles.

THE VISCOUNT will fly at 25,000 feet and carry 40 passengers for 1,000 miles.

When she first emerged and flew 14 months ago only her makers had faith in the Viscount. She threatened to be a Cinderella.

But airlines cannot afford to snub a success. And this liner was a honey.

Since July last year the Viscount, with her four Rolls-Royce Dart propeller-turbine engines, has flown 290 hours over a distance of 50,000 miles.

100 to be built

In this time she has made 320 take-offs and landings. This was intensive flying on a prototype, and she came through her tests with glory.

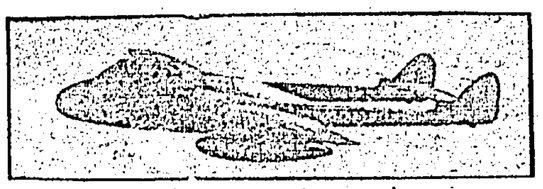
The result? At least 100 are, to be built—40 for B.O.A.C. and B.E.A. Australia and Canada are interested. American airline bosses have come over and asked to fly in her.

Said Sir Hew Kilner, deputy chairman of Vickers Armstrongs Ltd. "And devaluation of the £ has raised the Viscount's chances in the United States."

Viscount deliveries to the British State airlines will start early in 1952.

—(London Express Service)

ITALIAN AIR FORCE TO GET BRITISH JET FIGHTERS



FIGHTER squadrons of the Italian air force are to be re-equipped with British jet fighters. Negotiations are in the final stages, under which Britain's former enemies are to have De Havilland Vampires, which are already in service in France, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden.

Under the peace treaty the Italian air force is restricted to 350 machines, of which 200 may be fighters and reconnaissance aircraft. Italy is not allowed to have any bombers.

Such fighters as the Italian Air Force have at the moment are outdated—obsolete Italian types, British Spitfires and United States Mustangs.

An official announcement of an agreement between the Italian Air Ministry and the de Havilland Aircraft Company, of Hatfield, Herts, is likely to be made any time now.

This agreement, it is understood, will cover the supply of some British-made Vampires to the Italian Air Force and an "under-licence" arrangement for the Italians to build the Vampire themselves.

(London Express Service)

How You Can Cope With Those Headaches

EVERY doctor in general practice is familiar with the patient who comes to him and complains of headaches. There are many people who take it for granted that they will get headaches almost regularly.

What is a doctor to say to them? Well, he can now say a good deal.

The most common causes of headache are eye-strain and a "liver" attack.

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The eye-strain headache is due to difficulty in focusing. Often it comes on after reading or going to a cinema. The eye muscles being continually on tension get tired and the patient complains of pain in the front of the head.

This type of headache can be prevented quickly and permanently, by wearing correct glasses.

A "liver" headache simply means that your intestines are blocked and poisons which should be eliminated are absorbed into your system. Your brain cells are sensitive to noxious substances of this sort. The result is that you get a dull, generalised, throbbing headache.

When the intestines get rid of their toxins the headache soon disappears. Hence it is important to have a regular bowel action, even if it means taking a saline aperient every morning.

The third sort of headache is migraine, and this is not so easily dealt with.

Migraine may come on at any time. It lasts from one to three days and it can be completely crippling. The cause is obscure and treatment has been unsatisfactory. But recent reports show that certain gland extracts give relief in selected cases.

You can also get a headache after concussion—particularly if you have not rested for the three weeks that doctors advise. And a headache may be a late symptom in high blood pressure. If this happens the pain is worse on waking and gradually passes off.

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Neither of these forms of headache yields at all readily to treatment. Reports from America indicate that a drug known as prostigmin may help concussional headaches; while one or two new drugs have given promising results in some cases of high blood pressure headache.

On the whole, if you have a headache, it is nothing to worry about. A visit to the oculist, a morning dose of salts or an aspirin will probably cure it.

But a headache that persists or recurs regularly requires investigation.

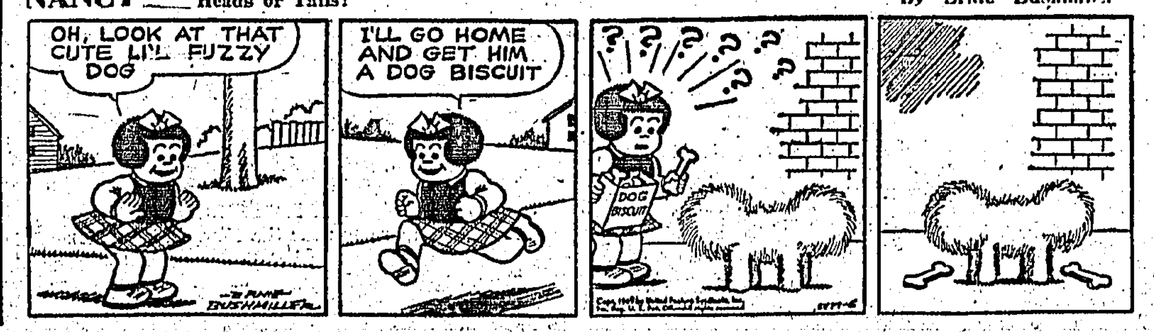
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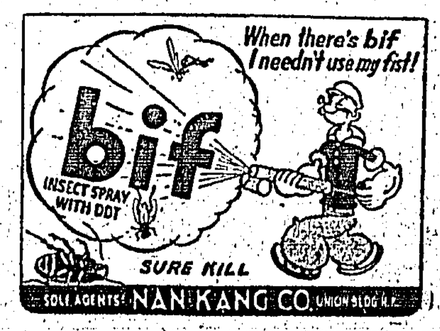


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NANCY — Heads or Tails?

By Ernie Bushmiller





Indian Foreign Policy Independent: Nehru

NOT ALIGNED WITH ANY BLOC OF NATIONS

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, said at a Press conference today that it was not India's policy to align herself with any bloc of nations.

He said, "It is our aim to keep friendly contacts with everybody. Naturally, we are bound to be closer to some nations than to others—for example, we consult with the other nations of the Commonwealth—but our foreign policy is completely independent."

He made these statements when commenting on allegations in the Soviet press that he had committed India more firmly to the American bloc.

Mr Nehru, answering another question, said that if Stalin invited him to visit Moscow he would probably go.

He said he hoped for three main things from his visit to the United States and Canada.

"First," he said, "we would like 1,000,000 tons of wheat to hold as a reserve to enable us to control the wheat crisis in India.

"Second, we want technical assistance.

"Third, we want financial terms which we can afford for our purchases in dollar countries, and we want to encourage the investment of private capital in India."

KASHMIR PROBLEM

Mr Nehru said he was not interested in promoting the emigration of Indians from India.

He said; "India is actually under-populated, compared with some parts of Europe. We do not want our people to leave. What we want to do is increase the food supply for them at home."

A large part of the press conference was taken up with a review by Mr Nehru of the Kashmir problem, in which he said it was beginning to appear that mediation would be the only hope of solution.

He said that India could not accept Pakistan's treatment of Kashmir as a religious rather than a political issue. If that were accepted, he said, it would upset the delicate balance all over India and Pakistan.—Reuter.

TORONTO WELCOME

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—Mr Nehru received an outside the schedule welcome from 2,000 Canadians at Toronto's airport of Malton when he was on his way from Niagara Falls to Ottawa.

Toronto is Canada's biggest industrial city, and it has all the foreign trade missions, including that of India.

Mr Nehru and his party were at Malton airport for about three-quarters of an hour.

Although a reception at Toronto was not part of Mr Nehru's programme in Canada, local residents, led by the Mayor joined hands with the Indian community in giving Mr Nehru a welcome.

Both the Prime Minister and Mrs Pandit, the Indian Ambassador, spoke briefly in response to a request from the Reception Committee that Toronto should be included in the tour programme, and that if that was not possible, then Mr Nehru should pay a second visit.

Mr Nehru thanked the Committee for their welcome and expressed regret that as his programme was already fixed it could not be changed.

As regards the request that he should pay a visit to Toronto at some time in the future, Mr Nehru said "I hope so."—Reuter.

I Was Always A Christian: Von Manstein

Hamburg, Oct. 24.—Field Marshal Erich Von Manstein today defined his attitude to the Jews.

He told the British Tribunal trying him for war crimes, "I was born a Christian, brought up a Christian and still am a Christian today."

Then, in reply to his counsel's question "Did you ever feel hatred towards Jews for the mere reason they were Jews?" Manstein replied with an emphatic "No."

He said that when he entered Russia at the head of his armies, he believed that Jews held many important positions in political and economic fields in the Soviet Union.

He therefore assumed that there was a danger to German troops from partisans and saboteurs who were very numerous in Jewish communities.

"There is no disputing that the policy of the Nazis had incited the Jews against us. It was natural for us to take measures to stop them putting their hatred of us into effect," Manstein said.

He repeated his assertion that he commanded his armies "according to the principles of soldierly honour."

"I always insisted that my troops were to behave decently towards the population—that was in our own interest.—Associated Press.

"Inefficient" European Governments

Franco On "Losing The Peace"

Lisbon, Oct. 24.—General Franco said here tonight that many European Governments were "inefficient" in facing the dangers of the post-war world.

Speaking at a lunch given in his honour by the Portuguese Government, he stated: "We want to assert again our unalterable will to maintain our liberty in a continent which is part captive and part threatened because, though generals won the war, their successors lost the peace."

During the ceremony at the Military Academy, General Franco received a document naming him a General in the Portuguese Army, which was awarded by the Portuguese Cabinet.

Tonight, the Portuguese Premier, Dr Antonio Oliveira Salazar, entertained General Franco to dinner at Queiez Palace.—Reuter.

Leopold Must Abdicate, Says Spaak

Brussels, Oct. 24.—King Leopold of Belgium must abdicate "for the peace and unity of the Belgians," said the former Premier, M. Paul Henri Spaak in a broadcast today.

"If the King was really great," he said, "he would understand that in the present circumstances he must go."

M Spaak urged the King to abdicate before the proposed referendum on his return was placed before the Belgian people.

The bill authorising the proposed poll is to be debated tomorrow by the Belgian Senate. If it is approved by both the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, Belgians will be asked to say whether they want the King back. The final decision will, however, rest with Parliament.—Associated Press.

Police Detain 18 African Students

King Williamstown (Cape Province), South Africa, Oct. 24.—The police have detained 18 African students—10 of them girls—after a riot of 150 African students at St Matthews Anglican College near here on Saturday night.

The rioters did £2,000 damage and injured three European members of the teaching staff.—Reuter.

Gallacher's Query In Commons

London, Oct. 24. — Mr William Gallacher, (Communist), asked in Parliament today why the British Government undertook to transmit a Spanish credit of £95,000 to a Swedish firm to buy 500 Junkers aero-engines to be installed in Heinkel bombers.

Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, replied that Mr Gallacher was no doubt referring to the attempt by the Polish Government to sell 500 German-manufactured aero-engines to the Spanish Government through Swedish intermediaries for installation in Heinkel bomber air-frames.

The Minister of State, Mr Hector Mcneil, had alluded to this in the United Nations General Assembly on May 16, he said.

Sir Stafford added that as all three countries concerned were in the "transferable account area," which meant that sterling could be freely and automatically used for the settlement of direct current transactions, the question of "transmitting a Spanish credit" did not arise.

"We have reason to believe, however, that the transaction has not been carried through," he added.—Reuter.

U.S. May Test New Weapons

Washington, Oct. 24.—Congress, in the last days of the session just concluded, approved almost without discussion the expenditure of $30,000,000 to start a programme to test weapons for future warfare.

The project provides for the construction of wind tunnels to test: (1) Models for guided missiles which experts hope to be able to send from the American continent, possibly armed with atomic war-heads; (2) Aircraft able to carry atomic bombs while travelling at and above the speed of sound and capable of defence against similar enemy aircraft.

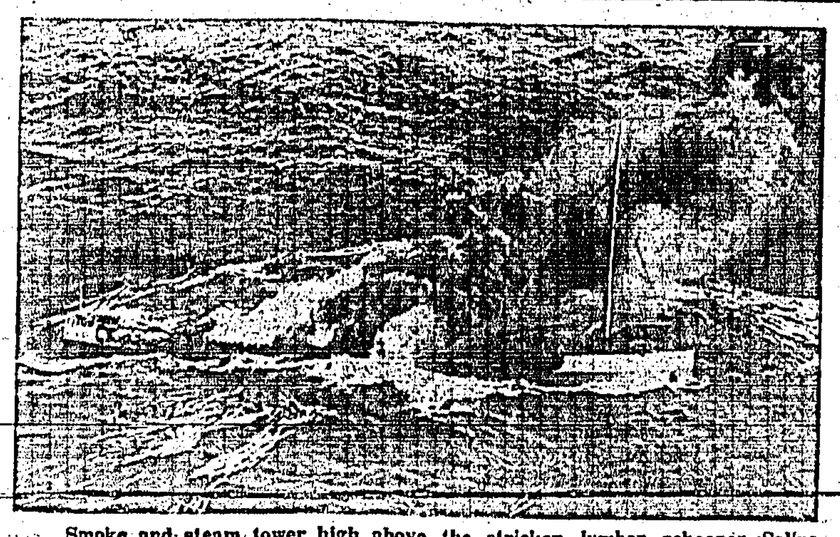
President Truman is expected to approve the proposal.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We hear from Junior every week, Mr. Wilks—you're not holding back a postcard because it's bad news, are you?"

BURNING SHIP ABANDONED



Smoke and steam tower high above the stricken lumber schooner Salina Cruz, as she wallows low in the North Pacific 140 miles off the Washington coast. The crew of 17 abandoned the ship when an engine room fire spread to the deck cargo of lumber. They were saved in a dramatic after dark rescue. (AP Picture).

Dutch Start Paying Indonesian Guerillas

Batavia, Oct. 24.—The Dutch Government has started paying for food and clothing for the Republican Army, under an agreement which will cost Holland 669,000 guilders a day.

Mr Peter J. Koets, Director of the Cabinet, told a Press conference that the Dutch had accepted on their face value the Republicans' figures of 223,000 Republican soldiers in Java and Sumatra, and had begun daily payments of three guilders a day each so that they would not live off the land as guerillas.

Mr Koets said 1,300,000 guilders had already been paid in West Java.

Mr Koets said the Republicans were planning partial demobilisation in the next three months. The Republicans had told the Dutch that during that period they wished to release 120,000 soldiers, giving them one month's pay and five yards of cloth. The Dutch would provide the cloth, 600,000 yards of which had already been ordered from Singapore.

Mr Koets said the Dutch had the impression that the Republican Quartermaster Officers who were handling the supply were "doing their best to administer it properly and to bring about an organic cohesion in the Republican Army."

The differences, which threatened the truce last week were smoothing themselves out, Mr Koets said. The Dutch had already started to release and return arms to 1,500 Republican soldiers arrested recently in East Java. To date 700 had been freed, he said.

The arrests, according to the Republicans, had been building up an explosive tension in East Java.

Mr Koets said the Dutch expected the Republicans to reciprocate by releasing several hundred Indonesian civil servants kidnapped during the past few months for collaborating with the Dutch.

He said that the exchange was going ahead satisfactorily, and that civil servants who worked for the administration during the Dutch occupation were remaining behind with their safety guaranteed by the Republican Army.

Sultan Hamenoku Buwono, for the Republican Government, told the Parliamentary Working Committee at Jogjakarta that the round-table conference at The Hague may be expected to end by November 1, and that transfer of sovereignty would take place in December.

In contrast to the statements by Mr Koets, the Sultan said that not much had been done by the Dutch to help supply the Republican Army.—Associated Press.

Egyptian Complaint Against UN Decisions

Cairo, Oct. 24. — The Egyptian Prime Minister, Hussein Sirry Pasha, complained in a United Nations Day speech here today that the United Nations, "affected by personal interests and pressure from some of the Great Powers," had made decisions on Palestine from which "the Arab world is still suffering."

While the United Nations had found just solutions to problems submitted by Iran, Syria and the Lebanon, it had not yet given a "just verdict" on other matters important to Egypt and the whole Arab world, he asserted.

Sirry Pasha said that the Security Council had been unable to reach a solution conforming to the spirit of the (United Nations) Charter on Egypt's 1947 demand for the immediate evacuation of British troops from Egypt and the Sudan, and her claim that the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty was incompatible with the United Nations Charter.

The Egyptian Premier declared that he hoped Palestine's fate would be a "lesson" to the United Nations in its consideration of the question of Italy's former African colonies.

Egypt had always believed in the "great mission" which the United Nations could accomplish, Sirry Pasha asserted, adding that he hoped the United Nations would be inspired by its Charter in future.

"Egypt today is proud of the international position she occupies as a result of her notable activity in the United Nations," the Prime Minister declared. He said that the United Nations' economic, social and cultural activities would be of great benefit to the world.—Reuter.

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Government the Chinese Communist Government's request for recognition.

OTHER ENVOYS

Dr K. M. Panikkar, Indian Ambassador to Nanking, is expected to arrive here tomorrow night from Hongkong on his way home for talks with his Government.

Before continuing his journey, reports said, he is to hold an exchange of views with Dr M. A. Rauf, Indian Ambassador here.

Usually reliable sources said that after the conference of British Far Eastern representatives in Singapore on November 2, Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador in Nanking, will come to Rangoon with Mr Reginald Bowker, British Ambassador in Burma, on November 7.

Last month, Sir Ralph was ordered to return to London for consultations when convenient.—Reuter.

Labour Party Pioneer Dead

Mr J. R. Clynes

London, Oct. 24.—John Robert Clynes, pioneer of the British Labour Party and a former Home Secretary, died at his London home last night, aged 80, it was announced today.

Born in Oldham, Lancashire, the son of an Irish labourer, the late Mr Clynes began work at the age of 10 as a mill boy. In his twenties he became an organiser for the National Union of Gas Workers and General Labourers, which later developed into one of Britain's biggest unions.

In 1906 he was elected a Member of Parliament for a Manchester constituency, one of the first Labour men to enter the House of Commons.

He held the posts of Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons in the first Labour Government of 1924 and became Home Secretary in the second Labour Government of 1929-31.

Two years ago, Mr Clynes disclosed in a letter to The Time that he was in financial distress. Members of Parliament raised a gift of £1,000 to help him.—Reuter.

More Death Sentences In Rumania

Bucharest, Oct. 24.—Seven Rumanian citizens were sentenced to death and 18 others to long prison terms for "terrorist and subversive activities" in a trial before a military tribunal at Zizlu, the Rumanian Communist Press disclosed today.

The trial was reported by Red Flag, a workers' Communist Party district newspaper published at Petrogani, in the mining district of Transylvania.

The newspaper said the seven sentenced to death would be shot.

Four other defendants were sentenced to life imprisonment, four to 10 years' hard labour, one to eight years' hard labour and nine others to terms ranging from one to 10 years.

Details of their alleged crimes were not made public.

Zizlu is about 200 miles northwest of Bucharest.—Associated Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

Christmas Parcel Mail for United Kingdom via Ports per RMS Carthago will be closed as follows:

G.P.O.—Parcels, October 27, 5 p.m.; Reg., October 28, 9 a.m.; Ord., 9.30 a.m.

Kowloon C.P.O.—Parcels, October 27, 5 p.m.; Reg., October 28, 9.30 a.m.; Ord., 9 a.m.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about November 28, 1949.

With immediate effect and until further notice no further correspondence can be accepted for Amoy and Foochow.

Unregistered correspondence only for Canton, Shanghai, Tientsin and North China can be accepted at senders' risks, and will be forwarded as opportunity offers.

Unless otherwise stated registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., registered and parcel posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Closing Times By Air

Kweilin, Chungking, Chengtu, Liuchow, Kweiyang, Hoihow and Taipeh, 3.30 p.m.

Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Posts or Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m

Ordinary Air Mail (Printed Matters, Samples and Small Packet Posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Japan, 5 p.m.

Haiphong and Saigon, 5 p.m.

Bangkok, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Korea via Inchon, 2 p.m.

Haiphong, 2 p.m.

Manila, 2 p.m.

Teamkong, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Closing Times By Air

USA, 2 p.m.

Liuchow, Kweilin, Taipeh, Hoihow, Chungking, Chengtu and Kunming, 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco, (No Parcels for Canada), 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Closing Times By Air

Canada and USA, Noon.

Okinawa and Tokyo, 2 p.m.

Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dares Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome and London, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Labuan, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.

Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia and Colombo, 5 p.m.

International Bank Loan For India?

New York, Oct. 24.—The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development is considering a loan of $25,000,000 to India, its President, Mr Eugene Black, announced.

He added that the loan would be for the construction of a power house in the Damodar Valley, and asserted that loans to India "are a risk worth taking."

Mr Black made the announcement at the annual meeting of the Savings Bank Association of New York, which is being held aboard the Dutch liner Nieuw Amsterdam, on a five-day cruise to Nassau.

India has received within the last two months two loans totalling $44,000,000 from the International Bank.

Mr Black detailed the steps and preliminary investigation leading to those loans, and the continuing supervision given to the projects financed.

The International Bank, he said, tried to help borrowing countries with advice as much as it did with money.

He told the meeting that New York saving banks hold more than one-third of the International Bank's outstanding obligations.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, "Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary; 6.02, "The Economic Crisis"—A Talk by the Right Hon. Clement Attlee, Prime Minister; (Recorded London Relay); 6.30, "Cantonese by Radio"—Presented by Mr S. K. Lee and Miss Lee Wai Lan (Studio); 6.50, Orchestra Mendolo Bel Et Son Muchachos; 7, "American Letter" (London Relay); 7.15, Charles Vanda and Georga Boulanger and His Orchestra; 7.30, "Down Memory Lane"—Presented by Aileen Woods (Studio); 8, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 9.15, "The Green Fox Doth Caper"—Presented by Jonathan Sly, (Studio); 9.30, "The Importance of being Earnest"—Excerpts from the play by Oscar Wilde, Presented by the H.K. Stage Club (Studio); 9, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 9.10, Weather Report; 9.11, "Twenty Questions"—Team: From 8 COY R.A.S.C., Questionmaster: Sgt. John Baker (Studio); 9.40, "Grand Hotel"—Albert Sandler with the Palm Court Orchestra (BBCTSH); 10.10, Piano Recital by Walter Gieseking; 10.25, Interlude; 10.40, "Chanson Francaise"; 11, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Weather Report and Summary of News; 11.20, Close Down.

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WALKIE-TALKIES COME TO THE SOCCER MATCH

By ARCHIE QUICK

When a West Bromwich Albion director told me the other day that walkie-talkie communication between manager and players during the run of play was not so remote a possibility as it appeared on the surface I laughed loud and long. His idea was some sort of headgear for the players under skull caps and that the manager could issue instructions to them from his seat in the stand.

But now I am not so sure. We are partly along the road to this "Jules Verne" idea by the telephonic "intercom" that Southampton FC have installed between Manager Sid Cann in the grandstand and Trainer Warhurst in his cabin on the touchline at the Dell.

Its use earned the Saints a point against the Spurs and robbed the North London side of their 100% away record. Cann told Warhurst to switch Wayman and Edwards and the Dimutive Wayman, freed from the toils of lanky centre-half Clarke, immediately swung in a centre from the wing for ex-Army International Bates to head through the equaliser with three minutes to go.

Bates was not the only ex-Army player in this team for former BAOR star Bally was in the Tottenham forward line with "Sonny" Walters, who will be remembered in the Northern Ireland District and who is headed for International honours at outside-right.

PROMOTION?

From goalkeeper Ditchburn to outside-left Medley, Spurs have promotion written all over them—if only they can get a better ground service through to centre forward Duquemin. This appears to be their only weakness and I should not be surprised if former Cardiff City inside-forward and Welsh International, Billy Rees, comes in to rectify this shortcoming.

I should think Alf Ramsey is easily the outstanding right-back in the four countries at the moment, and no club—Portsmouth included — have such a pair of storming wing halves as Nicholson and Burgess.

Spurs appear to have everything—I wonder if they will last the season. So often, they have done exactly what they are doing now only to fade after Christmas.

Down at Southampton, Secretary Sarjantson told me he is retiring at the end of the year and reverting to his place on the Board of Directors. The post of secretary will be advertised but I am willing to wager that Mrs Bates, wife of inside-left Ted, becomes England's only League Secretary.

How England's Teams Are Selected

I can tell you something about the Football Association's method of selecting International elevens, because I was at the West End hotel when the national side to meet Wales at Cardiff was chosen.

It was generally agreed amongst the 13 men who comprise the Selection Committee not to disturb the defence that wilted against Eire. Nevertheless, no fewer than 36 players came up for consideration—among them seven goalkeepers and five centre forwards!

HOTCH POTCH

Members of the committee each handed in their idea of a team and in most cases positions were duplicated with alternatives. I cannot tell you how they sorted out the resultant hotch potch.

Then again, Chairman Arthur Drewery watched Roy Bentley play a dream match for Chelsea against Manchester City at Stamford Bridge. He must have gone there to assess the Bristol boy and Roy came through with flying colours. But he wasn't chosen. The leadership was given to the previously-discarded Jackie Milburn of Newcastle.

FIRST STEP

This Ninian Park game was England's first step along the Road to Rio as it was an eliminator for the World Cup. Any England player chosen must, of course, be released by his club. But do you think Wales were fielding the eleven they would have liked?

They did not. I happen to know that Everton refused Aubrey Powell permission to play and Manchester City put the bar on Clarke. So Wales were deprived of their first choice inside-forwards. Permission was also refused four men with English clubs to play for Eire against Finland in Helsinki. Which is not a good augury for the success of the World Cup competition.

SHEFFIELD BEATS GLASGOW

London, Oct. 24.—Sheffield beat Glasgow by four goals to two in an Association Football inter-city match today.—Reuter.

SIDNEY SMITH LEADS 4-2

London, Oct. 24.—Sidney Smith, of Doncaster, gained a four frames to two lead against George Chenier, of Canada, in the opening session of their News of the World Snooker Tournament heat at the Leicester Square Hall, London, today.

The scores (Smith first) were 33 to 73, 69 to 58, 62 to 54, 52 to 70, 73 to 40 and 70 to 54.—Reuter.

VRC CENTENARY

Today marks the 100th year of existence of the Victoria Recreation Club, which came into being on October 25, 1849, under the name Victoria Regatta Club. The Club was at that time devoted exclusively to yacht racing. In 1907 the Club obtained its present site.

Hyperbole Still Cambridgeshire Favourite

London, Oct. 24.—There was an exceptionally strong market when the card on the Cambridgeshire was called over at the Victoria Club tonight.

Hyperbole remained favourite although going out to 9 to 1 compared with 15 to 2 at the last callover.

Stormy Petrel was again well supported and remained the second favourite at 100 to 7. Most money tonight was for Hornet III, whose price was cut three points to the twenty-twos.

Signalman, formerly at the thirty-threes, was backed down to 20 to 1.

The biggest advance was made by Moondust, whose price went from 40 to 1 to 20 to 1.

The Northern candidates, Good Taste and Brink, were both well supported from the forties at the last callover to the twenty-eights tonight.

In contrast, Val de Lair and Silver Gate, formerly at the twenty-eights, were knocked out to the forties. Sterope, who won last year, went out several points and finished at 33 to 1.

THE BETTING

Tonight's prices were:

9 to 1 Hyperbole.
100 to 7 Stormy Petrel.
18 to 1 Ballymacad.
20 to 1 Signalman.
22 to 1 Hornet III, Heysey Hampton and Moondust.
25 to 1 Yellow Idol.
28 to 1 Brink, Welsh Honey, Good Taste and Persian Book.
33 to 1 Orphean, Bear Dance and Sterope.
40 to 1 Guadelupe, Val de Lair, Silver Gate, Xerxes and Courier.
50 to 1 Black Pampas, Somali, Star Point, Kilbelin, Normanton, Roc du Diable and Three Weeks.

The final callover takes place tomorrow, Tuesday night.—Reuter.

IRISH v. FINNS



A tense moment in the Ireland v. Finland game at Helsinki Stadium on October 9. The Irish goalkeeper clutches desperately at the ball in a save from a Finnish attack as one of the Finnish players rushes in to intercept him. The teams drew at one-all.

The War Of The Roses Is Over-But Not Quite

(By A Correspondent)

The War of the Roses is over; the lions and the lambs of Yorkshire and Lancashire have decided to lie down beside each other.

Well, perhaps, it is not quite that. There will still be stern cricket battles at Bramall Lane, Sheffield, and Old Trafford, Manchester, but something unique has crept into the tussles. For instance, when the annual match is played at Old Trafford next summer—and every summer hereafter—a huge blue and white flag will float over the pavilion bearing a crest of red and white roses intertwined.

The pennant was presented to the Lancashire County Cricket Club by the Yorkshire Cricket Club at a dinner in Sheffield the other night to celebrate a hundred years of cricket contests. And what a gathering it was. The list of guests reads like a page of Wisdens. Every living Yorkshire and Lancashire cricket player was there with the notable exception of dear old George Hirst who was ill.

REAL OLD-TIMERS

David Denton was there, and he played for Yorkshire in 1896. And so too was Walter Rowley who opened for Lancashire with Archie Maclaren the same year. Both of them are nearing 80 years of age.

Among others whom the Earl of Scarborough presided over were Wilfred Rhodes, Herbert Sutcliffe, Abe Waddington, Norman Kilner, Arthur Wood, Brian Sellars, Wilf Barber, Arthur Mitchell, W. A. Luoton and last, but by no means least in the Yorkshire line-up that great amateur bowler of two decades ago, Rockley Wilson.

And what of Lancashire stalwarts. Everyone was there from wizened Harry McKepence, dual International, and Ernest Tyldesley to present-day Cyril Washbrook, bar of course, raucous-voiced wicket-keeper George Duckworth, who is tour-managing in India.

RED ROSE CAPTAINS

And look at the succession of Red Rose captains who were present—Miles Kenyon, Richard Green, Jack Fallows, Ken Cranston, Nigel Howard—all of them there except the late Peter Eckersley who gave his life in the War.

One other honoured guest was the most graceful batsman of all time—Reggie Spooner. And to bring the party up to date there was England captain Norman Yardley.

Speaking to him afterwards I gathered that there is a very real possibility of his going to Australia again as England's skipper. Anyhow, he has no intention of giving up first-class cricket yet awhile.

Jack Fallows also told me that after years of stagemanaging the Scarborough Festival every September in succession to the late C. I. Thornton, H. D. G. Leveson-Gower is to retire after next year, and his place will be taken by the Essex captain and England Selector, Tom Pearce.

YESTERDAY'S TENNIS

M Heenan and H. A. Ayres were beaten 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the third round of the Colony Hardcourt Championships by Eddie Chan and Szeto Bick at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday.

The results were:

W. P. Tsui beat J. D. Mackie 6-2, 6-2; Eddie Chan and Szeto Bick beat M. Heenan and H. A. Ayres 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Following are the revised fixtures for the week:

Tuesday.—Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsui v. Donald Lo and Norman Lo; K. C. Lai and O. L. Pang v. Y. P. Tsui and W. P. Tsui.

Wednesday.—W. T. Lee and Iu Tak-cheuk v. Eddie Chan and Szeto Bick.

Friday.—Anton Wei and David Tsui v. G. Chua and T. F. Choy.

Saturday.—4.15 p.m. W. P. Tsui v. Tsui Kwok-hung.

Sunday.—Y. P. Tsui v. Ip Koon-hung.

The postponed match between C.R.C. and S.C.A.A. in the "A" Division of the Tennis League will be played on Thursday afternoon.

AT LRC

Mrs H. J. Armstrong yesterday won the Handicap Ladies' Singles of the Ladies' Recreation Club by beating Mrs Hutchinson in the final, 6-2, 6-1.

J. B. Hawthorn took the Handicap Men's Singles title, defeating D. Fitzroy-Williams, 6-4, 6-3.

In the Handicap Mixed Doubles, K. B. Baker and Mrs Baker beat K. M. Getz and Mrs Getz 6-4, 6-6.

In the Handicap Men's Doubles, J. B. Kite and N. Arthy beat C. Blott and B. Deakin 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

TODAY'S MATCHES

4 p.m.—Mrs Stroobach and Mrs Alexander v. Mrs Scholes and Mrs Holman (H'cap).

5 p.m.—Mrs Campbell and Mrs Cotesworth v. Mrs Getz and Mrs Roper (H'cap); A. T. Dow and W. Reed v. C. Blott and B. Deakin (Inter-Hong); M. Heenan and C. Strickland v. D. Fitzroy-Williams and L. Goldman (Inter-Hong).

Finals of the Colony and other Club championship events will be held next Friday at 5 p.m., next Monday at 4 p.m., and next Tuesday at 4 p.m., and the price of admission to non-members of the L.R.C. will be $2.40, including Government entertainment tax.

Lady Morse will present the prizes after play on Tuesday.

BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC CAPTAIN SAYS

BRITISH ATHLETES NEED MORE TRACKS

By GEORGE CHANDLER

Wing Commander Donald Finlay, grey-haired star of British athletics, while admitting that the outlook for the country's athletics is as bright as it ever has been, insists that there will be no great improvement until more tracks are available.

Seated at his desk at the headquarters of the RAF Reserve Command, the veteran hurdler said that most of the improvement in British athletics can be traced to the regional coaching schemes now being carried out by the Amateur Athletic Association.

But he warned: "Britain will never stand well beside other countries until more and better facilities are provided for young athletes. You cannot teach anyone to swim without water, so how can we expect to produce future Olympic champions with our limited track facilities?" the 42-year-old athlete asked. He considered that "this is the biggest problem for British athletics."

BIG IMPROVEMENT

Finlay noted the big improvement made by British athletes in field events, but expressed the belief that it will take at least two years before the current coaching schemes begin to pay real dividends.

The veteran athlete also believes that more information on the activities and performances of overseas athletes would help to improve the home performances. In contrast to their British rivals, Finlay pointed out, overseas athletes are better able to obtain and make a close study of the times put up by British runners.

Asked whether he really intends to retire at the end of this season, the former war ace became poker-faced. He said he had nothing to add to his previous statement that he would not compete again in AAA championships and would fulfil his international engagements this season. "But I shall still compete in RAF athletics and run for my own pleasure," he said with a pleasant smile.

This "Grand Old Man" of athletics had only one answer to the question of how he retained his form at 42 to improve the hurdling record he himself set twelve years ago.—"fitness."

ALL THE YEAR ROUND

By this Finlay means that he is an all-round sportsman who keeps in training all the year round. He is always ready to take part in any game being organised at his RAF station. But during the winter months he devotes much of his time to soccer and rugby football.

His play in these two games is well above average. The name of Finlay is not unknown to soccer fans. He has played for the famous amateur team, Corinthians, and also the Second Division professional team, Tottenham Hotspur. And when not playing with one of these teams, he can usually be seen in the line-up of one of the numerous Service teams.

This is supposed to be the farewell season of the famous RAF athlete, but if he can continue to show the form which enables him to break English records, it should not be difficult to persuade him that he is one of the nation's stand-out stars whose services are needed as a stimulus to youth.—United Press.

Road Race On New Year's Day

Hongkong's fourth international harrier road race since VJ-Day will be held on New Year's Day. The Executive Secretary, Mr C. T. Shek, who is organising the event under the auspices of the Chinese YMCA and the China Gymnastic Association, announces that entries will open on November 1 to December 15, 1949. Entries are to be sent in to Mr Shek, Chinese YMCA, Bridges Street, Hongkong.

The harrier foot race will be divided into two groups—one for ladies and one for men, all of whom must be over 16 years of age and must have medically fit certificates.

Starting point will be in front of the Kowloon Magistracy on Gascoigne Road, with the ladies event due to start off at 10 a.m. and the men's race to follow at 10.15 a.m. The men's route will be along Nathan Road to Salisbury Road, Chatham Road, Ma Tou Wei Road, Tam Kung Road, Prince Edward Road to Nathan Road and thence back to the starting point.

SHORTER DISTANCE

The ladies will run a shorter distance, continuing up Chatham Road from the starting point, to Ma Tou Wei Road and from there will follow the same course set for the men.

Under the Chairmanship of Messrs. Lam Chi-fung and Kei Yun-hua, the committee in charge have announced that silver trophies will be presented to the runners finishing first, second and third. The first ten to cross the finish line will be presented with appropriate prizes, and any other runner completing the race within ten minutes of the winner will also receive a prize.

An entry fee of $2 will be charged, accompanied by three photos (passport size).

The whole journey is approximately seven and half miles.

GOLF

Entries For Stapleford Disappoint

Entries for the Stapleford Competition which was scheduled to be played over the New Course during last week-end were somewhat disappointing.

A. R. de Pinna was the winner with a total of 34 points, closely followed by Col. J. S. Macfarlane and T. A. Butler with 33 points each.

It would appear that the Old Course still claims the choice of the regular players even to the extent of two competitors who actually took Stapleford cards for the New Course!

It was encouraging to see the big increase in numbers at Fanling this week-end and the Clubhouses had a definite pre-war atmosphere with 140 tiffins being served on Sunday.

LADIES' SECTION

The first "Third Thursday" Prize Day was held at Fanling on the 20th. There were 20 entries for the day's Competition, which was a Medal on the New Course with a prize given to the player with the least number of putts. Mrs Y. Williams won with only 32 putts, Mrs R. S. Webb was runner up with 33 and five other players had only 34 putts for the 18 holes. It is planned to have the next prize day on November 17, the Competition for the day to be announced later.

RAILWAY & TAGGART CUPS

Matches are now being played in the Railway and Taggart Cups. Members are reminded that the L.G.U. Monthly Medal is played on the First Tuesday of every month. There must be at least six entries and the book must be signed before starting play. Full handicap is allowed. It is played over 18 holes on the New Course.

Mrs Frank Hunter qualified for the Captain's Cup at Fanling last month. Mrs Pote-Hunt won the Monthly Medal at Deep Water Bay.

Notices are being sent out announcing the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday, November 25 at the Helena May at 6 p.m. Nominations for Committee and resolutions must be in the hands of the Hon'y Secretary at least four days before the Meeting.

ROOKIES OF THE YEAR

St. Louis, Oct. 24.—Sporting News, which is a weekly national baseball newspaper, today named negro pitcher Don Newcombe as the "Rookie of the Year" in the National League and outfielder Roy Sievers of St. Louis Browns as the American League "Rookie of the Year."

Newcombe is a 23-year-old right-hander who won 17 and lost eight for Brooklyn Dodgers. Sievers is 23-year-old, batted .306, hit 16 home runs and batted in 92 runs.—United Press.

ON THE RECORD

Sixteen Men On A Live Man's Chest

Nerves all aquiver, some 115 human beings—men and women, old and young, ancients and children—waited patiently as the names were called. They were all going for a swim—across the harbour.

On their outer perimeter, a curious crowd—as only Chinese crowds can be curious—surged forward, ever menacingly nearer. Suddenly two of the hundred odd who were to swim our own Channel fell, were pushed, or jumped in.

Some say the official signal to go was given at the same time. But suddenly the panic started. Masses of bodies, arms and legs flailing, jumped in, row upon row. The annual Harbour Race had started.

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The girls, one report has it, were wedged in by the male element all around them. In actual fact, some of them had to wait in the lower layer of a sardine tin effect while more of humanity swam over them.

Two of the sporting mermaids admitted later that they had both been kicked in the stomach. Said another, "They were all swimming over me and diving at me."

Later, happily home at the Victoria Recreation Club, 13-yeard-old Cynthia Eager recounted, "I didn't think I would ever breathe again." She had started as a lower layer sardine. She finished sixth officially.

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The girls all crossed safely, the little boys too and the old men. This is not meant as a horror story pointing an accusing finger at the VRC. There aren't normally so many harbour aspirants and 115 is a problem for any organising genius.

Those who saw it happen are unanimous in blaming it on the surging crowd. One of the oldest human failings is the game of "follow the leader."

It happens in the best of company in the best pools. Someone beats the gun and all five starters are in. When the same happens with 115, that is quite a problem.

It would have been possible, of course, to follow the old method of calling all back after a false start. Luckily that didn't happen. Had a backward surge started, the sardines in the lower layer would have had it.

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There was one thing that the Harbour Race proved, and quite conclusively. It is a good thing to keep fit. In fact, if you swim as fast as Cheong Kin-man, the winner, and one or two others, you don't have to think without generosity of the long queue ahead of you for the ferry.

There was no queue to speak of on Sunday morning, but the curious fact is that some of those who saw the start of the race in Kowloon very nearly missed the finish though they were on the first ferry over.

In fact, Cheong Kin-man was rounding the Dockyard corner and Chan Chun-nam, Mitford and Brown were all on the final sprint for the praya wall. Two minutes more and they were in.

The winner was timed in about 22½ minutes. It normally takes as long to cross on the ferry, including, of course, the queue, the wait for the bell, the berthing and the crowd in front of you.

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After it was all over, a dozen swimmers were acknowledged as having crossed successfully. They were the first six in the men's and the women's race.

The Chinese press drew up its long lists of first to 40th or so. How they managed it remains a mystery. The swimmers were coming in in schools, even the first lots.

The only possible way to have kept a correct record would have been to hand out numbered discs to the starters and insist on their climbing up a ladder to the road to hand these over to an official.

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So, for many who swam the Harbour, there is no record of the accomplishment. Many who didn't may well say, "Vos you der, Charlie?"

There were a few who swam the harbour, but not quite. They got off at the small VRC pier which is about 60 yards short of the praya wall. That doesn't count as a Harbour swim, but it is good enough if you have to use your natural means of locomotion to cross. That is, if the VRC doesn't adopt a strict "Members Only" policy about it.

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Mamie Leung, the new women's record holder, finished in the first 10. Joan Enger and Doris Booten were in the first 20. The next three or four girls were in the first 30. Some day we may yet see a member of the weaker sex as the Champion.

—"RECORDER".

Arthur King Must Wait For Empire Title

London, Oct. 24.—Unless the British Boxing Board of Control, sidesteps the eliminators for the British lightweight championship and nominate a fighter to meet Arthur King, the coloured Canadian, for the Empire title, it seems likely that King will return home without another fight in Britain.

There are three boxers, Peter Fallon, of Birkenhead, Johnny Smith of Glasgow and Tommy McGovern of London, in the series to decide the opponent for champion Bill Thompson.

Fallon and Smith have to meet before November 30, the winner to meet McGovern, who has drawn a bye in the series. Thompson himself is now fighting in the welterweight ranks, but has stated that he will make the lightweight limit when the time comes for him to defend the Championship.

UNDER CONTRACT

Promoter Jack Solomons said that he has King under contract to defend his Empire title in November, but unless the Board of Control nominate a challenger, the title will go back to Canada.

It is not likely that the Board will interfere with the eliminators now, and it seems improbable that any of the three boxers concerned will be prepared to tackle King in November with the other contests so near.

Meanwhile, Billy Thompson is prepared to meet King in a return contest. He lost the first contest in Canada when he sustained a cut eye.

Thompson, having to wait until the eliminating series is cleared up before defending his British title, has plenty of time in which to prepare for a fight with King.—Reuter.

CHARLES TO TOUR SOUTH AMERICA

Los Angeles, Oct. 24.—Ezzard Charles, National Boxing Association Heavyweight Champion, has signed a conditional agreement to box in 20 exhibitions in South America for $100,000, his manager, Jake Mintz, announced.

The six-week tour would start at the end of February. Charles would face Latin American opponents.

The offer was made by Pat Shaw, an American coffee plantation owner and sports enthusiast, of Guatemala City, Guatemala.

The condition of the pact is that the money be placed in a bank in this country as a guarantee. Mintz said he expected this would be done within five weeks.—Associated Press.

PETE MEAD MATCHED WITH RANDOLPH TURPIN

London, Oct. 24.—Pete Mead, the American Middleweight from Truman, Arkansas, was matched today by promoter Jack Solomons to fight Randolph Turpin at Harringay Arena over eight rounds on November 15.

Mead, a wise-cracking redhead, lost his first fight in London on October 11. Dave Sands, Australian middleweight, beat him on points over 10 rounds.—Associated Press.

ORTIZ TO MEET MEDINA

Paris, Oct. 24.—Manuel Ortiz, the World Bantamweight Champion, will meet Theo Medina, the French Champion, in a 10-rounds non-title fight at the Palais des Sports here on November 14, the match-maker, M. Gilbert Benaim, announced today.—Reuter.

CERDAN LEAVING FOR NEW YORK

Paris, Oct. 24.—Marcel Cerdan, the French former holder of the world middleweight title, will leave for New York at the end of the week with his manager, Joe Longman.

Cerdan, who arrived here today from Casablanca, stated that his postponed World Middleweight Championship bout with Jake LaMotta, the holder, would be staged early in December.—Reuter.

Rugger Results

London, Oct. 24.—The following were the results of rugger games played today:

RUGBY UNION

Northampton 6, Cardiff 3.

United Services, Chatham 6, Devonport Services 19.

Paignton 3, Guy's Hospital 0.—Reuter.

CYCLING TOUR DATES SET

Paris, Oct. 24.—The gruelling Tour de France cycle race will be held two weeks later next year in order not to clash with the Swiss Tour, it was announced today by M. Achilles Joinard, the President of the International Cycling Federation.

The dates for the various Continental Tour events have been arranged as follows:

May 16 to 21—Belgium.
June 1 to 4—Luxembourg.
May 24 to June 10—Italy.
June 24 to July 1—Switzerland.
July 13 to August 6—France.
—Reuter.

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• FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

• McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Careful Planning Makes This Slam

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

THE other day I was talking with Albert H. Morehead, secretary of War Orphans Scholarships, about the many years of work we have put in, helping to achieve the goal of providing scholarships and educational opportunities for the children of servicemen killed in the last war.

We have been confronted with many problems in handling this activity for American war orphans, and experience has been our best teacher. I said to Morehead, "Maybe our training at the bridge table, where we have had many problems to solve, has helped us a lot." Then we had a discussion about today's hand.

Morehead pointed out that all problems must be given careful consideration. South, the declarer, has a problem as to whether to depend upon the diamond finesse, and should he take a discard on the king of hearts immediately?

His proper play is to trump the opening lead of the ace of hearts, then lead the king of spades. East will win and return a diamond. Declarer should not take the finesse, but should win the trick with the ace, play his queen of spades, and at this point play the ace and king of clubs. If the queen does not fall, he can go over to dummy, discard the deuce of clubs on the king of hearts, and now take the diamond finesse.

But when declarer gets the lucky break of the queen of clubs dropping, he should lead the deuce of clubs and finesse the nine spot in dummy. On the jack of clubs he can discard the five of diamonds, and on the king of hearts discard the jack of diamonds.

Thus, careful planning solves the declarer's problem.



Rubber—Neither vul.

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening—♥ A 23

CROSSWORD

Across

1 Prognosticate about a golfer's warning and a fisherman's throw. (8)
8 Could become a night in France. (4)
9 Issue of a gun (3)
10 Arrange. (9)
12 Metal enters into the soul. (4)
14 Make a member. (5)
15 Flower for the vehicle and the race. (9)
18 Clandestine hand. (5)
21 Associated with laws—not outs (4)
24 Act in which you are at one with the world. (5)
26 Begone I am here. (3)
27 Red rose for the ornamental screen. (7)
28 Read about behold and charge the firearm again. (6)
29 Done to a whistle (3)

Down

1 Railway begins jocularly and climbs steeply. (9)
2 Make amends as it. (3)
3 Shivering chill before a fever. (5)
4 Where Waterloo was won. (4)
5 Quote. (4)
6 Put an oar in at half a prison. (7)
7 Gathered by the peasant under the eye of king and page. (4)
9 This king is on the way down. (3)
11 The end of a tufted parrot. (3)
13 Plundering sack. (3)
16 Fifth note in Nero. (5)
17 Diet is bound to be upset. (4)
19 This list has a fifty-fifty chance at dawn. (4)
20 The hare has been turned into a South American three-toed ostrich. (4)
22 Parker's feature. (4)
23 Condiment for the tail as well as for the table. (4)
25 An engineer could start at the top of the Areopagus. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across: 1. Lade; 5. Intra; 10. Oread; 12. Iran; 13. Dissonant; 14. Gates; 15. Acts; 16. Pickets; 19. Bite; 20. Pies; 22. Equations; 23. Puts; 24. Struss; 25. Feeth; 26. Espy. Down: 1. Lodge; 2. Aria; 3. Destitute; 4. Ease; 5. Nina; 7. Fractious; 8. Rants; 9. Aries; 11. Dockets; 16. Pique; 17. Oasis; 18. Beak; 19. East; 20. Pike; 21. Snap.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Lake Ladoga on the border between Russia and Finland. 2. The obstruction of a blood vessel by some substance carried in the blood. 3. Moses Garrish Farmer, in 1872. 4. When the holder of a ball is held by players of opposite side so that he cannot pass or play it. 5. In southwest France. 6. In the eighteenth century by Jack Broughton in England. He invented gloves and made the first set of rules.

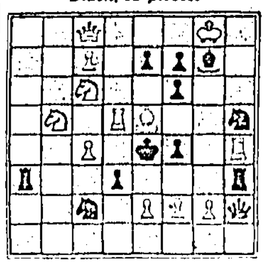
DUMB-BELLS



CHESS PROBLEM

By A. KLEERMAN

Black, 12 pieces.



White, 12 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B—K6, any. 2. Q, R, B, or Kt mates.

SCIENCE AT WORK

MAN'S BRAIN TOO SLOW FOR SPACE TRAVEL

By PAUL F. ELLIS

THE pilot of the space ship of the future will have to take along a mechanical or electronic brain because the human brain doesn't think fast enough to keep up with such speeds, a Chicago physician reported recently.

The doctor, Paul A. Campbell, told the annual meeting of the Aero Medical Association that man's physiological and psychological limitations "appear a very serious obstacle" to space travel, but that the obstacle could be overcome if man will alter his position in relationship to the actual control of the carrier.

Dr Campbell said that it has been estimated that a speed of seven miles a second, or nearly 25,000 miles an hour, will be needed to pull away from the earth's gravity.

However, human reaction time for the most simple reflex activity is about two-tenths of a second, he said. It is "considerably longer for more complex types of activity," he added.

"This time period is dependent upon and limited by the speed of transmission of impulses through nervous tissue which to date can be altered practically not at all," he said.

Other Time Factors

"There are also other time factors which must be added to that of basic reaction time. The factors are the time interval involved in perception, discrimination and decision."

In other words, the quickest-thinking mind in the world would not be fast enough to make adjustments in time—adjustments, for instances of cabin pressure, or to dodge a meteor or some other obstacle in space.

"Vast new areas are opened and a challenge is presented to us," he said. "This challenge will have to be met not by selection or alteration of man, but by altering his position in the control chain.

"Rather than leaving him in his position as activator of the controls, he will be relegated to a primary position of control and maintaining the control devices which ultimately determine the operation of the carrier.

"This change of position in the control chain will necessitate many revisions of our attitudes towards the operation personnel, especially in the realm of selection," said Dr Campbell.—United Press.

(Tomorrow—Book Parade)

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the largest lake in Europe.
2. What is embolism?
3. Who produced the first incandescent light?
4. In Rugby what is a tackle?
5. Where is the old province of Gascony located?
6. When was boxing first brought into prominence?

(Answers at foot of Column 1)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

King Knit-Whit's Inventions

— He Found a Way to Grow Plants Without Water —

By MAX TRELL



King Knit-Whit looked out at the rain.

"HIS Majesty King Knit-Whit, King of Bungle-Land, was a wonderful inventor," General Tin, the tin soldier, was saying. "He invented some of the most marvellous things in the world. For instance he once invented a slice of bread with three sides."

Knarf and Hanid, who were listening to General Tin, exclaimed in amazement when they heard this. They said: "How can a slice of bread have three sides!"

"It was quite simple, once you saw it," General Tin replied. "He cut the slice very thick, and the third side was all around the edges. The purpose of this was to keep His Majesty from eating more than one slice of bread between meals (on account of it was so thick), and also to keep the slice—if it fell down—from falling on the buttered side. He always buttered it on the third side and it hardly ever fell on that.

Continual Rain

"Now one day he invented the best thing of all. I'll tell you just how it happened. It had been raining for a long time in Bungle-Land, so much so that all the roads were deep with mud. Poor King Knit-Whit stood by the window of his room in the palace day after day, looking out at the rain and wishing it would stop so that he could go out. But of course he couldn't. There was so much mud. He had to stay indoors."

"Why didn't he take an umbrella and rubbers?" asked Hanid.

"He thought of them. But there was still too much mud. He didn't like getting himself covered with mud. So then he decided to invent something that would let him go outside in the rain and the mud, and not get wet or muddy. So the first thing he invented was something that looked like a little boat except that it had no oars. If he sat in this boat he wouldn't get muddy. But the rain would still fall on him. So then he invented something to stand over the top of the boat like a sort of square umbrella. And now," said General Tin, "His majesty knew that he wouldn't get wet or muddy. But that still wasn't enough. How could he get the boat with the umbrella on top to move down the road?"

"Yes?" said Knarf and Hanid together. "How?"

Next Thing

"So," said General Tin, "the next thing he invented were two wheels for the boat-with-the-umbrella-on-top to stand on. And now, standing on the wheels, the invention rolled to and fro. But who would be strong enough to pull it with His Majesty sitting inside? He didn't want his servants to do it, because then they would get all wet and muddy. So finally he invented two long poles to stick out in front of the boat-with-the-umbrella-on-top-that-stood-on-wheels. And to these poles he hitched a horse, and on the horse he put a harness. And out he went in this new invention of his, rolling up and down the roads of Bungle-Land, and not getting the least bit muddy or the slightest bit wet. It was the most wonderful invention he had ever invented!"

Rupert at Rocky Bay—13



Cap'n Binnacle unties his boat and helps the two small friends into it. Then he pushes off and rows strongly out of the harbour. 'Rastus clings closely to his pal until he gets used to the rocking. "It's lucky the sea's so smooth," says Rupert as they round the headland and spy the lonely figure standing on the rock with the water now much closer to his feet. The old man gets very excited at the sight of them and waves his hat and his net. "Yes, that's the old Collector," grumbles Cap'n Binnacle. "Always getting into trouble, he is."

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE American decision that only Scotland can claim to produce Scotch whisky will not prevent the "near Scotch type" stuff being called "Flora Macdonald" or "Culloden" or "Wee Donald o' the Glen." So honour (and folly) will be satisfied. But what if this example is followed elsewhere? What if the vineyards of Nigeria are no longer allowed to call their products Port? What of Jamaica Hock, Seychelles Cognac, Korean Chambertin, Welsh Haut-Brion, and that Genuine Italian Chianti they make at Crewe?

Marginal note.

IT is assumed today that a housemaid or parlourmaid (what the Jargoneers call a Domestic Worker) cannot be contented unless she is close to a film-theatre and supplied with unlimited radio. After a two weeks' stay on an island without theatres, I note that all the Household Operatives were gay and happy. If ever radio and film-shows reach the island, these girls will become discontented like their less fortunate neighbours on the mainland.

Further misunderstandings

A HOGWASCH directive to Bill Skobulo: *Get Schurmwok to tell these Persian guys we thought they said Pareeshan not Persian, and anyhow they can't be part of the main scrip of the liberetto, only an interlood. I don't see what we want of them on the seesaw, can't girls be on it, a seesaw dance number or something, with balloons. We could use the girls after for the Pilgrims Chorus in the Tanhorser number. What's Persians got to do with Wagner anyway?*

Note from the Persians to Hogwasch: *Ho yes, we are wanting no girls hon our seesaw, nor pilgrims singing choruses, and if we cannot to be the scrip off the liberetto, without ballooning, it is got to be gooday to Mister Wargner, we have not clownes and Tanhorser be dammed, ho yes.*

Literary corner

HE *(Mr. Arthur Koestler) firmly rejects Freud's assumption that the only unselfish drive in man consists in blind destructiveness.*

(Book review.)

—(London Express Service)

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

BORN today, you are one of the workers of the world. You are never completely happy unless completely busy. Your energy seems indefatigable; your industry intense. Naturally, you will get on in the world! You know what you want and go out after it with a one track directness.

You have a fine memory and a thirst for knowledge which makes you a storehouse of information. A born manager, you are not happy when working for others and should get into your own business as soon as possible. If you permit yourself to be hedged in, your best interests will be defeated.

Fond of travel, you will be limited in this to the extent of your responsibilities. You have a high sense of duty and that always will come before personal pleasure. Your basic traits are solid and sound.

Yet, on the other side of the picture, there is your magnetic personality and a love of excitement and gaiety which is only known to those who are very close to you and see you in moments when you are not "at work." You have the fortunate capability of being able to play just as hard as you work. And when you play—you let everything else go and have complete relaxation. In selecting a life partner, wed someone who has a similar store of energy to keep up your pace. Otherwise, you will go your own way, alone, and bring unhappiness upon your family.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Optimism and activity pay off right now. Potentialities are improving. Be prepared to grasp all opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Deal with the public for best success. Fairly good on the home front, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Business continues to improve. If travelling on public highways, guard against a motor accident; others may be lax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You can avoid criticism from others if you are astute. Minor disappointments should be faced courageously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Keep to established routine just now. New ideas should wait for development until a little later on.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—General activities at home are good. Don't go travelling if you can avoid it right now. Home front is best.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Unexpected personal adversities may rear their heads, but you can avert them by tact and astute actions.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Be aggressive now. A better day for you than many others, so take full advantage of its potentialities.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Routine can bring good results if you stick close to it and pay attention to details. Postpone a trip.

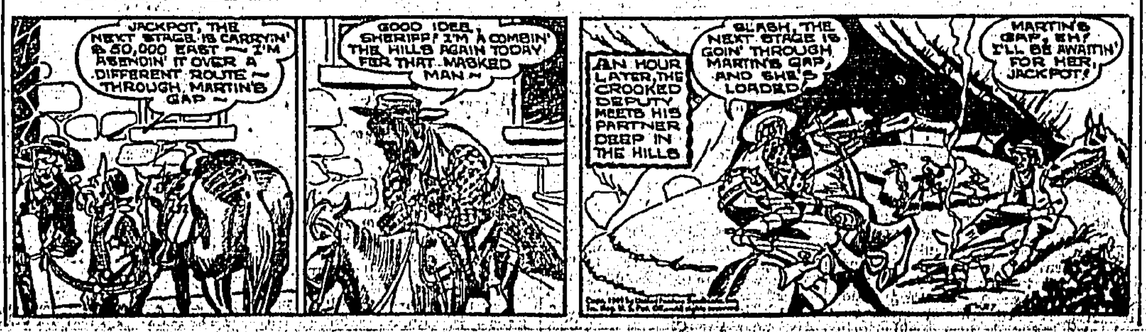
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Your emotions are not to be trusted today. Be on your guard against impulsive actions. Watch your health.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Keep a level head no matter how trying conditions appear. Avoid a quarrel; it makes matters much worse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—You can make minor gains if you stick close to business at home. Don't take a trip on impulse. Wait.

BRONCHO BILL

The Informer — By Harry F. O'Neill



FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Britons To Pay More For Petrol

London, Oct. 24.—Increased maximum selling prices in Britain for motor spirit and petroleum products were announced tonight by the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

They were said to be the result of Sterling devaluation.

Motor spirit from the pump will in future cost two shillings and threepence, compared with two shillings and a half-penny per gallon.—Reuter.

Jap Move To Counteract Devaluation Of Sterling

Tokyo, Oct. 24. — To counterbalance devaluation of the pound sterling, the Government has decided to abolish the discriminatory difference of 34.5 percent hitherto imposed on the price of raw cotton sold to textile manufacturers producing for export to the sterling area.

As a result of this move, effective from October 1, the price of raw cotton has been reduced from 32.5 cents per pound to 29 cents per pound for manufacturers producing textiles for export to sterling countries.

Production costs of cotton yarn, as a consequence, will be pared down by 17.8 percent, and of cloth by 11.8 percent, enabling Japanese exporters to meet the heightened competition resulting from the devaluation of the pound.

HOME PRICE CUT

At the same time the Price Control Board announced that the official prices of cotton goods for domestic consumption would be lowered to the level of export prices, in accordance with a GHQ directive, in order to counternet the impression given abroad that Japan is dumping her cotton goods in foreign countries at the sacrifice of the home consumer.

As a result, the price of standard cotton thread will be reduced by eight percent, cotton cloth by 10 percent and dyed fabrics by 15.2 percent.

The Price Board also announced an increase in the allocation of raw cotton for home consumption from 75,000 bales to 122,000 bales, which would allow for more economic processing, including a reduction of spinning costs from Y.8,500 to Y.9,200 per bale, to Y.7,000 a 25 percent cut in weaving costs and a 40 percent cut in dyeing costs.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was $406,025.00. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES	
BANKS				
HK Bank	1460		10	@ 1465
			10	@ 1465
			5	@ 1465
INSURANCES				
Union	670			
DOCKS, ETC.				
K. Wharf	105	110	200	@ 107
N. Pt. Wharf	5.30			
Dock	17½	18¼	500	@ 18
			300	@ 18
Provident			200	@ 11¾
			300	@ 11¾
S'hai. Dock			500	@ 7
LAND, ETC.				
HK Hotel	11.30	11.70	1000	@ 11.30
			500	@ 11.30
HK Land		52		
S'hai Land	2.20			
UTILITIES				
Tram	10.20	10¾	1000	@ 10½
			100	@ 10½
Star Ferry	90			
C. Light (O)		12.60	100	@ 12.40
			500	@ 12.40
C. Light (N)		0½	1000	@ 0.40
			1500	@ 0.30
Electric	31¾	32	200	@ 32.
			100	@ 32.
			50	@ 32.
			500	@ 32.
			500	@ 32.
			100	@ 32.
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Macao				
Electric	22½			
Telephone		20		
INDUSTRIALS				
Cement	20¾		250	@ 21.
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STORES, ETC.				
Dairy	41	42	200	@ 41½
Watson	44	45	500	@ 43½
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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Sterling pound note (per £)	16.50
U.S. dollars (per $1)	6.075
FIC piastres (per 100)	12.10
NEI guilders (per 100)	24.30
Siam ticals (per 100)	26.00
Singapore (Straits)	16.40

Output Doubled In Mukden, Red Radio Claims

SUCCESS OF "MASS PRODUCTION" DRIVE

San Francisco, Oct. 24. — The Communist Peking Radio tonight reported on the result of a "mass production" drive instituted in the Manchurian trade centre of Mukden recently.

It said that the production rate had gone up to such an extent that this "production movement" was to be extended to all factories in Manchuria under the aegis of the Industrial Department of the North-East People's Government.

Referring to the Mukden drive, the Radio said that factories there under the North-East Machine Tool Control Bureau had shown a 100 percent increase in their production rate in comparison with that prevailing when Japan was the occupying power.

The Radio added that this "mass movement for creating new production records" was launched this summer with the object of achieving speedy rehabilitation and reconstruction of war-damaged Manchurian industrial centres.

Peking Radio also reported tonight that workers' schools and a club-house for workpeople would be established in Tientsin. The club-house, when built, would provide amenities for 600,000 of the city's workers, the Radio said.—Reuter.

Danger Of Japanese Competition

Stressed At Cotton Board's Conference

Manchester, Oct. 24.—The changing pattern of world trading in cotton textiles was emphasised at the Cotton Board's conference at Harrogate at the weekend, when several delegates stressed the rising danger of Japanese competition.

It was pointed out that the development of the cotton textile industry in Egypt, Mexico and Colombia had turned those nations from net importers to net exporters.

Officials also said that there was an "underlying trend" for all exporting countries to lose ground "fairly rapidly" to Japan.

One delegate said that the great reduction in the number of Japanese spindles had "disguised the funnelling of her production to new sterling markets, and her competition threatened to become a menace equal to that before the war if unlimited sales for sterling currency were permitted."

He said that the present price of Japanese stocks was equal to the price of British yarns and that Japanese competition was being felt throughout the sterling area.—United Press.

NY FOREIGN EXCHANGE

	Closing prices Oct. 24
Canada (dollar)	US$0.90½
England—official	2.80-3/16
England—unofficial	2.80 bid-2.83 asked
England 30-day futures	2.80½
England 90-day futures	2.81
Australia (pound)	2.24½
New Zealand (pound)	2.70½
South Africa (pound)	2.80¼
Belgium (frank)	.020014
Denmark (krone)	.1460
France—official	.002834
Holland (guilder)	.2640
Italy—official	.0016
Italy—export	.0016
Norway (krone)	.1410
Portugal (escudo)	.0300
Spain (peseta)	.0910
Sweden (krona)	.1940
Switzerland—free	.2300
MIDDLE EAST	
Egypt (pound)	2.80
Iran (rial)	.03125
Iraq (dinar)	2.80¼
Turkey (lira)	.2570
LATIN AMERICA	
Argentine unofficial	.1120
Brazil (cruzeiro)	.0350
Bolivia (boliviano)	.0120
Chile—official	.0020
Chile—free	.0230
Colombia (peso)	.4134
Cuba (peso)	1.00
Mexico (peso)	.1165
Peru—free	.0500
Uruguay (peso)	.3400
Venezuela (bolivar)	.3010
FAR EAST	
India (rupee)	.2100
Hongkong	1.1600

—United Press.

Injunction May Be Sought To End U.S. Coal Strike

Pittsburgh, Oct. 24.—It was reported here today that a Taft-Hartley court injunction might be sought to end the 35-day soft coal strike, and that steel industry officials would be summoned to Washington, where an attempt might be made to persuade them to retreat from their position that any pension and insurance plans must be set up on a contributory basis.

Meanwhile Mr Cyrus Ching, the Federal Mediation Director, is to resume his talks with United States Corporation officials in New York today. Mr Ching concluded three days of talks on Saturday with the report that the parties were no closer to a settlement of the 23-day-old steel strike.

The number of strikers idle, already at the 1,500,000 mark, continues to mount daily. Government employment officials predict that the number of unemployed will reach 2,000,000 this week as a number of car and other industrial plants announce new cut-backs in production and curtailments of operations.

An emergency meeting of state and local industry officials will be held in Michigan tomorrow to consider the mass unemployment threat. The Unemployment Director, Mr Harry C. Markle, who called the meeting, warned on Saturday that 300,000 workers would be idle in Michigan soon unless the two strikes were settled quickly.

FOUR-DAY WEEK

General Motors announced that workers in six plants were already working a four-day week, and that most others would go on short hours if the strike lasted until the end of this month.

The Ford Company announced that it could not operate beyond November 15 because of the steel shortage.

The Chrysler Corporation is expected to close on November 1.

Mr Markle warned that, even if the strikes were settled this week, shut-downs in the car industry were almost inevitable, since at least two weeks were needed to fill up the supply lines.

Meanwhile, there is no apparent progress toward a settlement of the strikes.

A spokesman for Mr Philip Murray, head of CIO United Steelworkers, said in Pittsburgh that the Union would not yield on the demand for non-contributory pensions and insurance, recommended by the presidential fact-finding board.

The spokesman indicated that the Union expected that any Government intervention would favour its demands, and pointed to the President's comment that the fact-finding board's recommendations seemed fair.

INDUSTRY ADAMANT

A spokesman for the steel industry said that it would continue to insist that workers should contribute to any pension and insurance plans.

There appears little likelihood that the talks will be resumed between Mr John L. Lewis, of the United Mineworkers, and the Northern and Western soft coal producers at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

Operators broke off the negotiations on Saturday and made it plain that they believed no purpose would be served by resuming the talks despite reports that Mr Ching would endeavour to get them together in.—United Press.

ISRAELI-IRAQI DISPUTE

Britain Does Not Want To Take Sides

London, Oct. 24.—Britain made it plain today that it does not want to take sides in an Israeli-Iraqi dispute over the treatment of Jews in the Arab kingdom. A Foreign Office spokesman told news conference questioners that "it seems" as though this country would have no right to act on an Israeli request for intervention to stop anti-Jewish persecution in Iraq.

Israel last week asked both Britain and the United States to try and stop alleged ill-treatment of Jews by the Iraqi authorities.

The spokesman said Britain has so far not acted on the request and he added, "It seems as though His Majesty's Government has no locus standi to take action in this matter."

The Foreign Office, nonetheless, has asked its diplomatic mission in Baghdad to report on the position of Jews in Iraq.

The spokesman said no information had come in from Baghdad independently and unsolicitedly to indicate that Jews in the kingdom are being persecuted and tortured, as an Israeli Government spokesman charged on Sunday.

The Israeli call for British intervention was made both in London and in Lake Success last week—in London by the Minister, Mordecai Elinsh, who saw Michael Wright, an Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in Lake Success by Aubrey Eban, who talked with Britain's Minister of State, Hector McNeil. Eban heads the Israeli United Nations team. —Associated Press.

PROTEST TO U.N.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The Israeli Ambassador to the United States told the State Department today that Israel would probably protest to the United Nations about the alleged persecution and torture of the Jewish community in Iraq.

The Ambassador, Mr Eliahu Elath, had a 35-minute conversation today with Mr George McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Eastern and African Affairs.

Mr Elath later said that he had asked Mr McGhee to ensure that the good offices of the United States were used to investigate the situation.

He told Mr McGhee that Israel would probably make representations at the United Nations "because we believe that Iraq, which is a country but has signed the Charter, is violating some of its elementary obligations to respect human rights. I hope the proper authorities in the United Nations will take the necessary measures to stop this," the Ambassador added.

FULL CONFIRMATION

Mr Elath said that he told Mr McGhee that the Israeli Embassy in Washington had received full confirmation of the "outrageous treatment" which the whole Jewish community in Iraq had received.

"About 2,000 of the Jews are now in concentration camps," Mr Elath told Mr McGhee. He said that many had been tortured merely because of their Zionist outlook and their sympathy for Israel.

Mr Elath said that the Tel-Aviv authorities had received the names of people who had been tortured and that this information had been given to the United States and British Governments.

Mr Elath added that it was "extremely disturbing" that this persecution should take place while peace in the Middle East was being discussed. "It might bring about more tension in the Middle East," he told Mr McGhee.—Reuter.

Hungarian General Executed

Budapest, Oct. 24.—The Hungarian Ministry of Defence announced today that Lt-General Georgy Palffy, former top-ranking Army general accused of anti-government plotting, had been executed with three fellow officers.

The announcement said the four men were hanged after a secret military trial. One of the men was Palffy's assistant, former Police Colonel Bela Korondy.

General Palffy and Colonel Korondy were tried originally in September with the former Foreign Minister, Laszlo Rajk, and five other persons. Three of them, including M. Rajk, were sentenced to death and executed on October 15, according to the Hungarian Government.

The Rajk court did not sentence Palffy and Korondy since it ruled the two should be tried by a military tribunal.

COUP ATTEMPT

The other two men executed today were identified as Colonel Dezso Nemet, former Hungarian military attache in Moscow, and Otto Horvat, another police colonel.

Nemet was said to have confessed that he spied for Russia's enemies "under the shadow of the Kremlin".

Palffy had testified at the Rajk trial that he conspired with the former Foreign Minister to stage a coup d'etat, with the backing of the United States government and Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, last Spring.

Rajk testified that several of Palffy's most elite units had undergone "dry run" practice in planning for launching the coup —United Press.

Tried To Reach Pres. Truman

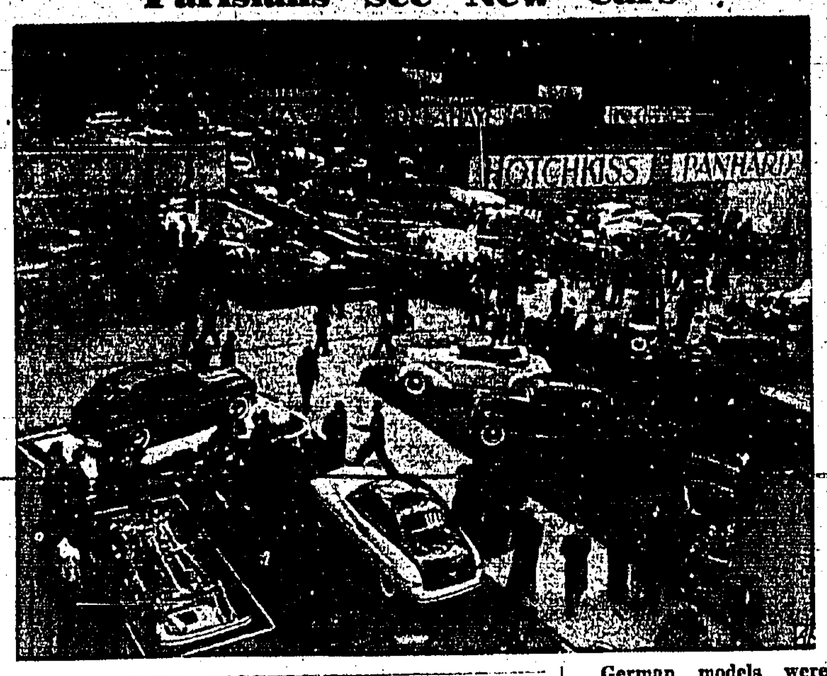
New York, Oct. 24.—The police today arrested a woman, identified as Mrs Sophie Pettas, aged 25, when she darted from the kerb and hysterically tried to reach President Truman to give him a note asking him to intercede with the immigration authorities to keep her Greek-born husband in the United States.

The immigration authorities said the woman's husband, Vasilios Pettas, was free under bond to leave the United States voluntarily by January 8, 1950. He had entered the U.S. as a seaman on a Greek ship in September 1948 and failed to leave with his ship.

Pettas married a Brooklyn woman during the deportation hearings, which saved him from being deported by warrant, the authorities said. However, they added that the marriage had no effect on the present deadline.—United Press.



Parisians See New Cars



German models were included, for the first time since the war, with other foreign cars in the Paris Motor Show at the Grand Palais. This interior view shows crowds inspecting the various makes. (AP Picture).

Gibraltar Stops Work To Greet The Amethyst

Gibraltar, Oct. 24.—Except for the arrival of royalty, Gibraltar has never given such an enthusiastic welcome as that accorded HMS Amethyst this morning when she entered the harbour on a four-day visit on her way home.

Long before the sloop's arrival, thousands were waiting at strategic points all over the Rock and at the wharves. The town was beflagged and all shops, cafes, schools, military departments and the dockyard were closed.

Shortly after 8 a.m., six RAF planes flew out to meet the sloop in the Mediterranean. As the Amethyst neared Europa Point, about 60 small vessels, pinnaces and launches escorted her in formation toward the Admiralty harbour while sirens and hooters sounded.

The band of the 1st Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, played national airs at the quayside as the Amethyst approached the pier.

A few minutes after berthing, Admiral Brooking, Flag Officer-in-Charge of Gibraltar Dockyard, accompanied by the senior Naval, Military and RAF officers and the Chairman of the City Council, called on Lt-Commander Kerans on a courtesy visit.

SPANISH CABARET

Lt-Commander Kerans later landed and went to the official residence of the Governor of Gibraltar, General Sir Kenneth Anderson. Later, Sir Kenneth visited the ship.

Admiral Brooking will entertain the ship's officers to luncheon, while this evening a detachment from the Amethyst, headed by Lt-Cmdr Kerans, will march past in the main street preceded by a military band and bagpipes of the local Sea Scouts.

Later, the Chamber of Commerce is entertaining the officers and ratings at a special Spanish cabaret, with turns from the local night clubs.

Frank Gillard, the BBC commentator who flew specially from London, made the first direct broadcast ever transmitted from Gibraltar abroad describing the preparations for the Amethyst's arrival.—Associated Press.

YUGOSLAVIA SAILING INTO DANGER

Belgrade, Oct. 24.—Mosha Pijade, member of Marshal Tito's Politburo, told the Yugoslav people today: "We are not standing before immediate danger, but we are steadily sailing into danger."

Pijade spoke on Sunday before a graduating class of Yugoslav Army pilots at Ruma, near Belgrade. His speech was reported for the first time by the Yugoslavia press today.

Pijade said that those now trying to "intimidate" Yugoslavia would ultimately meet the same fate as all previous would-be conquerors of this country, all those who had tried to "enslave" its people.

He said that "they"—an obvious reference to the Cominform—would meet opposition in the firm will of the Yugoslav people to maintain their independence. He protested against the "distressing blunder" of the Cominform and said that Yugoslavia has held out and will continue to hold out against "attacks and assaults."—Associated Press.

Archbishop Flays Czech Iron Tyranny

London, Oct. 24.—The "iron tyranny" of Czechoslovakia's Communist Government drew a reproof today from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher.

Dr Fisher called on his clergymen to pray "for our fellow Christians in Czechoslovakia who are the victims of oppression and persecution."

Addressing a diocesan conference, Dr Fisher recalled that at a church conference in May the Church of England clergymen had expressed sympathy with Roman Catholics in Czechoslovakia subject to political pressure.

"I am sorry to say that since then conditions for the Church in Czechoslovakia have seriously deteriorated," the Archbishop said.

"The Government of Czechoslovakia has shown it is determined to control all ecclesiastical appointments and actions as to make the Church subservient to its own political ends. It is indeed what totalitarianism means. The same iron tyranny is shown against any citizen whom the Government chooses to regard as not conforming with the Government's own standards of Communist theory and policy.—Associated Press.

Hapsburg Art Collection

Washington, Oct. 24.—The Hapsburg art collection from Vienna arrived today by ship to go on view in the National Gallery for two months starting November 20.

New York and other cities will see it later.—Associated Press.

Sailing Of DP Ship Stopped

Cork, Eire, Oct. 24.—The Republic of Ireland Government has banned the refugee ship Victory from sailing for Canada with 385 displaced persons who arrived in the vessel here from Sweden three weeks ago, it was understood today.

No formal order has been issued but precautions have been taken to prevent any unauthorised departure.

The Irish Government has been advised by the Government of Norway, where the ship is registered, that the Victory—formerly a British landing craft—is regarded as unseaworthy for the use for which the refugees intended her.

Efforts are being made to arrange passages in other ships for those to whom the Canadian Government will grant visas.

A small group may be allowed to sail in the Victory if a Government order to install additional life-saving equipment is observed.

It is not known whether those unable to obtain visas from Canada will be allowed to remain in Ireland or will be sent back to Sweden.

Other groups of Baltic refugees are understood to be contemplating trans-Atlantic voyages in small ships.—Reuter

BALLOONISTS PACK UP

Augsburg, Oct. 24.—Two Swiss balloonists, forced down twice in Germany, are packing up their balloon and returning to Zurich by train. The Swiss consul in Munich has sent them money for the fare.

The two balloonists, Fred Colder and Ernest Luetzinger of Zurich, left Switzerland with an Austrian companion, Walter Schubert, in their balloon yesterday.

They planned to fly to Austria as a stunt to raise money for an orphanage in the French Zone of Austria, and carried with them registered mail bearing special stamps sold by the Swiss postal to aid the orphanage.

They were forced down near Lindau, on the German-Swiss border, and had to take on more gas. Several hours later they were again forced down; this time near Augsburg, by strong headwinds.—Reuter.

Fresh Trouble In Colombia

Cali, Colombia, Oct. 24.—New killings and riots connected with the political unrest in Colombia were reported today. The number of deaths in political clashes over the week-end was said to be at least 32.

The provincial governor, Senor Borrero Olano, blamed the rioting on "godless, lawless men" seeking to clamp a "Leftist dictatorship" on Colombia.

There persons died in Cali hospitals last night and today of gunshot wounds received in the Saturday night clash between troops and political rioters, boosting the official death toll of this street fight to 20.—United Press.

AMTORG MEN BAILED OUT

New York, Oct. 24.—Five officials of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, Russia's purchasing agency in the United States, paid bail of US$15,000 each today and were released from the Federal House of Detention.

The men were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Washington for failure to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. A sixth official, who was also indicted, was said to be abroad.—United Press.

Monks Murdered In Tibet

Vatican City, Oct. 24.—The official Vatican newspaper, Osservatore Romano, said today that the monks of the Great St Bernard Monastery have been told that a fourth member of their mission to Tibet has been murdered.

Father Maurice Tornay was killed because of his religion by a band of marauders in the Tibetan village of Yerkalo. Three other members of the mission were killed recently in the same area near the Chinese frontier. —Reuter.

War Risk To Manchuria

London, Oct. 24.—The Institute of London Underwriters announced today that voyages to, from or between ports in Manchuria, have been added to the current schedule of war and strike, riot and civil commotion shipping risks.

A rate of three shillings per £100 is quoted for such voyages.—Reuter.

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE PROGRESS REPORT

The Hague, Oct. 24.—The Indonesian Republican delegation to the round-table conference on the future of Indonesia here today discussed a provisional Constitution for a United Republic, which was drawn up by a joint committee of Republicans and Federalists.

The Federalist delegation is to discuss the Constitution tomorrow.

It was stated today that the weekend talks among the leaders of the three delegations were "not satisfactory."

A conference progress report issued today showed that these points still have not been settled.

Political: New Guinea, mutual rights of citizenship, right of self-determination and the nationality of Indonesian subjects residing in the Dutch West Indies.

Foreign Relations: Joint diplomatic representation and the right of the Netherlands-Indonesian Union to take part in international legal intercourse.

MILITARY MATTERS

Military: The ultimate date for the moving of Dutch forces after the transfer of sovereignty, their transport and reorganisation, the extent of Dutch naval aid to be given to Indonesia during the withdrawal period, co-operation in military aviation and the status of the Sourabaya naval base.

The financial and economic differences include the question of Indonesian discrimination against Dutch interests. The Dutch object to the Indonesian promise to offer only "no substantial discrimination."

Other difficulties concern nationalisation and the transfer of indemnification money after expropriation.

A quick solution on the outstanding differences is expected here.

The conference's Steering Committee is meeting late tonight to consider how a settlement can be speeded up.

It was learned in usually reliable quarters late tonight that the debt problem had been solved.—Reuter.

CONCERN FOR KASHMIR REFUGEES

New Delhi, Oct. 24.—Indian Government quarters today expressed anxiety about 500 non-Muslim refugees from Kashmir, who, according to official reports received in Delhi, have been on a hunger strike since October 20 in refugee camps in Lahore, in West Pakistan, as "a protest against their continued detention by Pakistan."

The reports said that the refugees had given notice to the Pakistan Government some time ago of their resolve "to fast unto death" if their request to be repatriated to India at an early date was not granted.

These reports described the situation in the Lahore camps, as well as in other camps in Pakistan where Kashmir refugees have undertaken a hunger strike in sympathy with their brethren in Lahore, as an "acute explosive."

The Indian Government, it was stated here, has received no reply yet to their protest to Pakistan on this subject.—Reuter.

Train Smash Near Warsaw

Warsaw, Oct. 24.—Unofficial but reliable reports said today that more than 200 people were killed in a train wreck near Nowy Dwor, northeast of Warsaw. Many other passengers were reported injured.

The accident was reported to have occurred early on Saturday when the Danzing-Warsaw express left the rails on a curve. The locomotives and several passenger coaches overturned.

It was reported to have been the worst train wreck in Poland in 30 years.

Cause of the crash was unknown, but was reported to be under investigation.

All official sources declined to comment.—Associated Press.

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JAPANESE LOOTED PROPERTY DEADLINE

Washington, Oct. 24.—The Far Eastern Commission today announced an extension of the deadline to April 1, 1950, for the distribution of proceeds from the liquidation of property in Japan known to be looted from Allied countries.

The original deadline was set for October 1, 1949, with a provision that the money should be distributed "in proportion to the recognised national reparations shares" of the looted countries, namely, Australia, China, France, India, the Netherlands, the Philippines and the United Kingdom.

The newest decision by the Commission has not only extended the deadline but also provided that the fund should finally be distributed in accordance with reparations shares," or in accordance with the schedule of shares to be agreed upon by such countries, payable in United States dollars or at the discretion of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers in foreign exchange acceptable to the countries concerned."

NOT COMPLETED

The Commission explained: "It was evident that the distribution of the secured fund in the manner provided for in the policy would be impossible for two reasons—SCAP has not yet been able to complete liquidation of all unidentified looted property, and the countries represented on the Commission had not yet been able to agree on the schedule of shares for reparations from Japan on which distribution was to have been based."

The Commission announcement said the extension of the deadline and amendment regarding distribution of funds "thus makes it possible, in the absence of an agreed schedule of reparations shares for the seven looted countries, to work out among themselves a schedule of shares applicable to the distribution of the secured fund."—United Press.

QUAKE FELT IN QUETTA

Quetta, Oct. 24.—A brief earthquake shock, accompanied by underground rumbling, was felt here this evening.

No damage was reported, and the tremors were described as of moderate intensity.

On May 31, 1935, a disastrous earthquake here caused the deaths of 20,000 people, who were buried in their shattered houses.—Reuter.

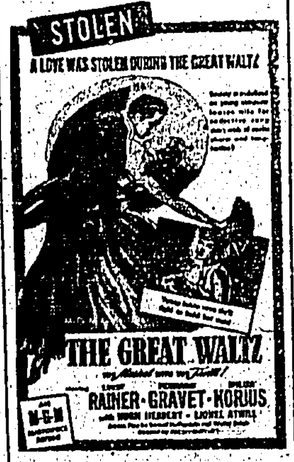
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